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Saudis don't have N-arms

WASHINGTON, April 14, (AP) President George Bush has said that Saudi Arabia does not possess nuclear, chemical or biological warheads for intermediate-range ballistic missiles purchased from China. If Bush had found otherwise, the administration would have been barred from selling certain military products to the Saudis. In a formal presidential certification, Bush said the Saudis have bought intermediate-range missiles from China but "there is no credible intelligence reporting indicating that Saudi Arabia possesses nuclear, chemical or biological weapons."

Moreover, he said "we are not aware" of producing facilities for chemical or biological agents or weapons. He said the Saudis possess "no significant nuclear facilities."

A law enacted by Congress requires the President to make a certification about the Saudis' arsenal in order to continue military sales.

Bush said that both the Saudis and Chinese have informed the United States that the missiles purchased from Beijing will not be equipped with nuclear warheads.

The Saudis also have pledged the missiles will not be armed with chemical warheads, Bush said.

Montazeri under house arrest; riots in Iran

ATHENS, April 14, (Agencies): Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, erstwhile successor to Iran's spiritual and political leader Ayatollah Khomeini, is under house arrest in the holy city of Qom, sources in Tehran have said.

Revolutionary Guards also arrested Montazeri's son and son-in-law.

The sources, reached by telephone from Athens, said Montazeri's house was surrounded by Revolutionary Guards about the time Khomeini announced March 28 that he was accepting Montazeri's resignation as his deputy and appointed successor.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said heavy clashes broke out between the guards and Montazeri's supporters in Najafabad, some 215 miles (340 km) south of Tehran, after he was put under house arrest.

"The clashes were heavy," a Tehran source said, and both sides used automatic rifles and machine-guns.

Gulf-based diplomats said at least 20 people were killed. Some clashes were also reported in the poorer districts of south Tehran, the source in the Iranian capital said.

The Baghdad-based Mujahideen-Khalq organisation, an Iranian opposition group, said Revolutionary Guards and security men arrested Saeed Montazeri and Hadi Hashemi, Montazeri's son and son-in-law, during a raid on Hashemi's home.

The guards "beat up all the occupants of the house, including Hashemi's wife (Montazeri's daughter), the statement said."

There was no immediate confirmation of the arrests from the government in Tehran or independent sources, but the Tehran source said Hadi Hashemi was also arrested in 1986, when his brother Mehdi was arrested for "treason."

Mehdi Hashemi was executed in 1987, after a secret trial, and a public "confession" on state television.

Kayhan weekly Air edition, confirmed the riots but said "some opportunistic elements" had taken advantage of Montazeri's resignation to create "riots and disturbances" in Najafabad.

Kayhan said life in Najafabad returned to normal after Montazeri sent an envoy to read a statement appealing for calm and respect for Khomeini's decision. It did not give details of the riots.



Nuzzle
RAF police dog Tanya (left) carried 'piggy-back' fashion on the back of her handler Corporal Graham Holt, nuzzles Corporal Steve Rowe also carrying his dog Cleo, at the launch in Horse Guards' Parade of the 99th Royal Tournament which will take place at Earl's Court, UK in July. (Reuters wirephoto)

PLO carrying out its commitments: Baker

US to continue talks

WASHINGTON, April 14, (Agencies): Secretary of State James Baker has said the United States will continue its talks with the PLO despite inflammatory statements from some leaders of the organisation.

Baker, under tough questioning by several members of a Senate appropriations subcommittee yesterday, said the administration is satisfied the PLO is carrying out the commitments it made when the dialogue was established in December.

Baker was asked about comments by PLO Foreign Minister Farouk Kaddoumi, who was quoted in a BBC interview April 4 as saying Israel's return of its occupied territories would be only the beginning of Palestinian demands.

"Such statements are clearly not helpful," Baker acknowledged. But he added that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat does not have total control over the umbrella organisation.

"We do look at such statements carefully," he said. "To date we are satisfied the PLO is committed to what it has told us."

In December, reversing years of US policy, the government opened direct talks with the PLO in Tunisia after Arafat satisfied the three conditions laid down by the United States — recognising Israel's right to exist, renouncing terrorism and endorsing UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which call for a negotiated end to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"There are a lot of people who presume to speak for the PLO, and some of them are opposed to the dialogue with the United States," Baker told senators. "We can't expect Arafat to control every dissident group."

President George Bush contacted Saudi Arabia's King Fahd on the telephone and briefed him about the latest talks held here last week aimed at moving the peace process forward, a White House spokesman has said.

The purpose of the conversation was to brief King Fahd about the outcome of the talks that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had with him about the peace process, the spokesman said.

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UN chief deplores massacre by Israelis

Quiet Friday

UNITED NATIONS, April 14, (Agencies): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar strongly deplored civilian deaths and injuries in the occupied West Bank yesterday when Israeli border police shot dead at least six Palestinians and wounded more than 15.

The International Committee of the Red Cross also protested at the killings.

Perez de Cuellar appealed to Israel to abide fully by its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention, which deals with the protection of civilians in time of war.

The pre-dawn shooting, in the village of Nahalin southwest of Bethlehem, was one of the bloodiest incidents in the 16-month Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

A statement issued through a UN spokesman said: "The secretary-general strongly deplores the injuries caused to innocent civilians and the loss of life. He is especially disturbed by the reports of casualties by gunfire."

The ICRC protested to Israel today over the killing of six Arabs and appealed to the government to stop violating "fundamental principles of humanitarian law."

The ICRC "vigorously" protested against this latest tragic incident during which troops opened fire without discrimination and without restraint, "the all-Swiss humanitarian agency said."

An ICRC statement also expressed concern about increasingly frequent use of firearms and physical violence against "defenceless civilians."

The commander of Israel's paramilitary border police said today his men committed "faux pas" during the raid on Nahalin.

An Arab witness had said soldiers and paramilitary border police came to blows before the shooting in Nahalin, southwest of Jerusalem. He said the border guards refused an Army officer's demand that they leave the village.

"There is no doubt there were faults in Nahalin. They must be examined and conclusions drawn," commander Meshulam Amit said.

Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip launched a three-day general strike today in protest at what senior PLO official Bassam Abu Sharif called "an organised, pre-planned massacre."

Friday prayers ended peacefully today at Al Aqsa as more than 3,000 police officers and soldiers patrolled Arab East Jerusalem to prevent a repeat of last week's rioting at the holy site.

As many as 35,000 Muslims were expected to attend prayers on the second Friday of Ramadan, but Israel Radio reported only 4,000 worshippers reached the Temple Mount.

Meanwhile, the investigation chief said, investigators have narrowed the focus of the investigation into the bombing.

The Lord Advocate, Lord Fraser, Scotland's chief law officer who is ultimately responsible for the crash investigation, said he could not comment further on media reports of further progress in the investigation.

Sabah condemns renewed shelling

Talks with Lebanese Christians end

By Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times staff

KUWAIT, April 14: Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed made a fresh appeal for a ceasefire between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon.

Sheikh Sabah, who heads a six-member Arab League committee on Lebanon, expressed "extreme regret and sorrow" over the collapse of an April 5 ceasefire panel arranged.

The committee hopes all parties will respond to this appeal and declare their immediate adherence to the ceasefire, he said.



Orphaned baby girl Adele greets her grandfather Suleiman at an East Beirut hospital.

'Mother I'm blind'

BEIRUT, April 14, (Reuters): Badia Atabiyeh is haunted by the screams of her daughter Nahed after a Beirut bomb explosion four years ago.

"Mother, mother, I can't see, I'm blind."

"Mama, mama," the baby war victim cried to a woman visitor at her hospital bedside on Wednesday. But her mother is dead, killed in the shelling of Beirut.

Adele Touma, 20 months old, was orphaned 10 days ago when a shell hit the home of her grandparents in East Beirut. Her aunt and grandmother were killed along with her parents.

Shrapnel sliced off Adele's right foot and hit her in the stomach and face. Her 50-year-old grandfather was badly wounded by the blast, which reduced the house to rubble.

Nahed and Adele are two of some 330,000 victims of Lebanon's civil war which entered its 15th year yesterday.

The war broke out on April 13, 1975, between Palestinian commandos and Christian militants. It subsequently developed into a sectarian struggle between Christians and Muslims, taking on regional and international dimensions.

At least 130,000 people have died and 200,000 have been injured in the conflict out of a population of 2.5 million.

As a percentage of population, this is equivalent to 35 million Russian, 30 million American or seven million French casualties.

Adele's grandfather Hanna Suleiman does not yet know his family are among the dead.

Syrian helicopters attack Soviet ships

7 injured, major damage

MOSCOW, April 14, (UPI): Two helicopters bearing Syrian identification marks launched a rocket attack on two Soviet ships off the Syrian coast, wounding seven sailors and causing major damage to one of the vessels, the Army daily Red Star reported yesterday.

In a brief report on an inside page, the newspaper said the incident occurred about 10 am Tuesday near the Syrian port of Tartus, where the Soviets maintain naval facilities.

Moscow-based diplomats said the attack may have been a case of mistaken identity.

"Two helicopters with Syrian markings launched a rocket attack on Soviet auxiliary ships — the sea-going tugboat SB-524 and the anti-submarine ship VM-125 — located about 39 nautical miles from the port of Tartus," the Red Star report said.

The VM-125 sustained major damage. As a result of the incident, seven sailors were wounded, one of whom was shell-shocked, it said.

Diplomats said they saw no reason why Syrian aircraft should launch such an attack unless it was a case of mistaken identity because the Soviet Union is Syria's chief arms supplier and has close ties with Damascus.

The incident was reported only by the Army newspaper, and a Syrian official in Damascus said he could make no comment.

"The big anti-submarine ship Red Caucasus and the anti-submarine cruiser Leningrad, which were in the area, rushed to the rescue," Red Star said.

"The wounded sailors were given the necessary medical aid, and two of them were taken to Tartus for further treatment."

"Those who sustained the most serious injuries are the petty officer of the crew, Chief Warrant Officer V. Biserov, and the chief sailor, E. Shkidenchenko, who is almost beyond hope."

"Competent authorities are now investigating cause of the incident," the paper said.

The report gave no further details.

Second in 4 months Power cut due to fault at Al Zour

By staff reporter

A POWER cut hit 60 per cent of Kuwait on Thursday due to a fault at a major power station.

Sources said an oil leakage in the fuelling system of a turbine shut off the Al Zour power station.

It was the second power cut in four months. The first, lasting eight hours, hit all of Kuwait on Dec 13 last year when a 300-megawatt turbine at the KD400 million Al Zour power station broke down during testing.

Thursday's four hour black-out started at about 3.30 pm and spread to about 60 per cent of Kuwait, covering Abasiya, Farwaniya, Hassawiya, Shuwaikh, Salmiya, Jabriya, Mishrif, Hawalli, Nugra, Shaab and Kuwait City among other areas.

Power was restored gradually from 6.30 pm onwards, and by 7.40 pm, electricity was supplied to all the areas affected by the power failure.

Sources said the leakage happened while shifting a turbine from one fuelling system to another. The engine shut down after a leakage in the system, they said.

"Fuel did not reach the engine system, causing a total failure at Al Zour," they said.

The technical fault in Al Zour affected power generation in the Eastern Doha power station, causing a widespread blackout. Al Zour and Eastern Doha are linked by a computer-controlled system, housed in the power station in Jabriya.

The fault in Eastern Doha was repaired first, followed by repairing of turbines in Al Zour station.

Sources said all MEW officials were called back on duty to repair the malfunction at the power stations.

The major power stations in Kuwait — Doha — east and west, Shuwaikh — north and south and Al Zour — generate a total of 5,741 MW of electricity per day.

Thursday's power failure also affected the telephone network in such areas as Shuwaikh. "The generators at the communications facilities did not function, the phone went dead in some areas," sources said. The Ministry of Communications "regretted the breakdown of the telephone network" in an announcement made at around 3 am, Friday, on KTVI.

Lightning hits jumbo

SYDNEY, April 14, (Reuters): A Qantas jumbo bound from Frankfurt to Bahrain with 189 people on board was struck by lightning but landed safely, a spokesman for the Australian national carrier said today.

A bolt of lightning hit the Boeing 747's nose after it took off from Frankfurt last night, knocking out both weather radars, the spokesman said.

The flight, QF-6, continued to Bahrain using other navigation equipment, he added.

"The aircraft was passing through a thunderstorm at the time and passengers would only have felt a slight bump," he said.

Lanka bomb toll 42

COLOMBO, April 14, (Reuters): The Sri Lankan government today hunted car bombers who killed 42 people with an explosion in a crowded market in the eastern port of Trincomalee.

L. Sirisena, assistant government agent at Trincomalee, said the death toll had risen to 42 from 38 after four victims of yesterday's blast died in hospital.

Indian troops imposed an indefinite curfew on the city after the car bomb, which shattered the start of New Year celebrations by the Indian Ocean island's Sinhalese Buddhists and Tamil Hindus.

The government said it was investigating whether the explosives, packed into an ageing Morris taxi, were planted by former Tamil separatist rebels in a provincial council.

Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said some people accused the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), a former guerrilla group, while others blamed the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, which remains committed to an armed campaign.

Five Tamils were later killed in another part of Trincomalee in an apparent revenge attack.

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Iran-Contra trial

Reagan 'ordered' shredding: North

WASHINGTON, April 14, (Agencies): Oliver North testified at his criminal trial on Wednesday that he altered or destroyed secret documents related to the Iran-Contra affair thinking the order came directly from then President Reagan.

But under intense cross-examination he admitted the President did not tell him directly to shred or change documents and said he did so after talking with former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

North said he was first told to destroy or change secret Iran-Contra documents in 1985, but did not obey until November 1986 when the plan was falling apart.

"Everything I was doing was done at the direction of the President," North said.

"You had an order from the President of the United States to destroy documents?" asked prosecutor John Keiser.

"Because everything that was described in the documents (on a list Robert McFarlane had given him to be altered) I had been told was at the direction of the President."

North said that after talking with McFarlane in November 1986 he altered or shredded documents because he understood the presidential order had been renewed.

The courtroom drama of North's trial was approaching its act as the prosecution prepared to bring on witnesses today to counter North's defence against 12 felony charges.

The government was expected to question six witnesses in rebuttal to back up its case that North

\$49.75m US aid to Contras

WASHINGTON, April 14, (Reuters): Congress yesterday approved \$49.75 million in non-lethal aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, implementing President Bush's bipartisan accord on using diplomacy to promote democracy in Nicaragua.

The accord was greeted with bitterness in Managua, where Sandinista leaders condemned it and vowed to strengthen plans to defend Nicaragua.

The bill was approved in a vote of 89-9 in the Senate and of 309-110 in the House of Representatives. It was sent to Bush for signing.

Leaders in both Houses of Congress applauded the agreement, saying that after years of sharp differences it gave Washington one voice in policy toward Nicaragua.

"This is a chance for a new beginning," House Speaker Jim Wright said. "Let's give it a chance."

But in the debate Democrats hailed the bill as an end to the US-backed Contra war against Nicaragua's Sandinista government while many Republicans said it kept the Contras together for possible rearming.

committed crimes that include lying to Congress, accepting an illegal gift, destroying official documents and tax refund.

Among the scheduled rebuttal witnesses were Robert Gats, the former deputy CIA director now President Bush's deputy National Security Adviser, and Willard Zucker, a Geneva lawyer who opened Swiss Bank accounts for North's secret operations.

With the conclusion of the defence's case yesterday and the government's rebuttal, North's eight-week-old criminal trial is approaching an end.

US district judge Gerhard Gesell said closing arguments could start on Tuesday and the jury could get the case by next Thursday. If the jury returns guilty verdicts on all 12 counts against the retired marine lieutenant colonel, he would face up to 60 years in prison and \$3 million in fines.

Defence lawyer Brendan Sullivan finished an eight-day presentation without again questioning his star witness — North.

North also ended six punishing days of testimony yesterday in which he said he committed many of the crimes of which he is accused — believing he acted on the lawful orders of White House superiors.

Sullivan's case of more than 100 exhibits and 16 witnesses was aimed at defending North's boasts at the NSC — Robert McFarlane in 1985 and John Poindexter in 1986 — plus former CIA Director William Casey were well aware of North's activities and authorised them.

For his last witness, Sullivan called CIA official Maurice Sovern to explain a log of 157 telephone calls and 26 meetings North and Casey had between January 1984 and November 1984 — about one contact a week.

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sacrificed chickens and goats, and expanded their quasi-religious rituals to kill and mutilate humans in their quest for immunity from arrest and even death, officials said.

Mexican federal judicial police ordered suspect Sergio Martinez, 23, of Matamoros, to point out the location of the 13th body, then dig three feet (1-m) into the earth as two armed guards stood by at the Rancho Santa Elena outside the border city of Matamoros, across the Rio Grande from Brownsville.

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Letters to Anne raise divorce spectre

LONDON, April 14, (Agencies): Letters to Princess Anne from a handsome aide have raised speculation of a royal divorce — a subject which has wrought constitutional upheavals and brought heartbreak to Queen Elizabeth II's family.

Whether Anne's 15-year marriage to Capt. Mark Phillips is really on the rocks or is simply one of those long-distance unions not unusual in the British upper classes remains open to question.

Thirty-eight-year-old Anne, the Queen's only daughter, and Phillips, 40, a commoner and former Army captain who runs equestrian centres, lead virtually separate lives.

The couple, who have two children, Peter, 11, and Zara, 7, were apart for more than half the time last year.

News of the mysterious collection of letters to Anne from royal Navy commander Timothy Laurence, a 34-year-old bachelor and equerry at Buckin-

gham Palace, gave new life to rumours which began in 1981 that her marriage is in trouble.

The four stolen letters were delivered last week to a mass-circulation newspaper, The Sun, which did not publish them. Police are now investigating the theft.

With bold headlines, the tabloid press said Anne and Laurence are in love.

As usual, the principal characters said little or nothing.

Anne, dogged by an army of

photographers, carried on with a punishing schedule of routine royal engagements. Phillips went off to Spain to see about setting up a riding centre there and Laurence dropped out of sight. While remaining on duty as equerry at Windsor Castle, he has not appeared in public with the queen since he was identified as the letter-writer.

Anne is only seventh in line to the throne — behind her brothers Charles, Andrew and Edward, two young nephews and a baby

niece — and for her a divorce would hardly mean a constitutional crisis.

It was not always so. Divorce has hung over the royal family since the sixteenth century when Henry VIII broke with the Roman Catholic church in 1534 because the Vatican would not annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

Each succeeding monarch's titular head of the Church of England, which frowns on divorce.



Fat Cat Contest

Greg Cox holds up all 12.5 kilos of his 4-year-old cat Moo-Moo who won the 'Fat Cat Contest' on April 11, beating out several other entries from Southeast Atlanta. Moo-Moo will now go to New York to compete in the national contest. (Reuters wirephoto)

China marks birth of 1.1 billionth citizen

BEIJING, April 14, (Reuters): China declared its population reached 1.1 billion today, twice as big as at the time of the 1949 revolution, and warned of a national disaster unless birth control efforts were made to enforce birth control.

Government leaders and the state-run media acknowledged that the country's draconian "one-child policy" had largely failed and said population could reach an intolerable two-billion next century if birth control was neglected.

The People's Daily said China had made a grave mistake by rejecting the advice of population experts in the 1950s, but did not name the leader then chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Mao in the 1950s called birth control a "bloodless genocide" plotted by enemies of China and attacked economist Ma Yichu for advocating it. Only in the 1970s were widespread population curbs introduced.

The estimate of 1.1 billion today is considered a low one by some China researchers, one of whom told Reuters the country probably passed the figure in the latter half of 1988.

Vice-Premier Tian Jiyun told a meeting in the Great Hall of the People the outlook for economic growth was bleak if current birth rates continued, straining food supplies, health care, transport, housing and employment.

Tian attacked the "laissez-faire" attitude to birth rules in some rural areas, an apparent jab at local authorities who have relaxed them in the face of peasant hostility.

In a separate report the state science and technology commission called for increased birth control among China's 86 million ethnic minority people, most of whom have until now been exempted from the rules applying to couples of the ethnic Han majority.

The one-child policy has been strictly enforced in cities and is credited with preventing 200 million births since the 1970s. But it has failed in the country, with some provinces bending to traditional preferences for boys by allowing peasants whose first child is a girl to try again for a boy. The People's Daily said the population would reach 1.7 billion to 1.8 billion in the middle of next century if present birth rates continued. "If mistakes are made, population could exceed two billion, with disastrous consequences for the entire nation," it said.

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Prize for button needing no needle, thread

GENEVA, April 14, (UPI): A button needing no needle and thread won first prize along with its Swedish inventor yesterday at the 17th annual Geneva Inventions Fair.

The button has a small plastic screw and is "sewn" on by simply turning it through any material and then snapping off the point.

Taking just a few seconds, the operation can be compared to using a miniature button-topped corkscrew and then breaking off the spiral once it's through. The button is firmly attached.

Called the "spearbut," the plastic button comes in all shapes and sizes and colours and was the idea of Gudmar Olovson, a Swedish sculptor, and developed by his son and a nephew.

"It will allow everyone to have a reserve of spare buttons on trips and can also be distributed by hotels and airlines," the jury said in awarding first place to Olovson.

"This invention will certainly revolutionise the world of fashion," it said. "And it will be a boon for those people who can't sew or who have trouble anyway getting thread through the eye of the needle."



Constanzo Villarreal Rivera

Mexican ritual killings

13th body recovered from grave

MATAMOROS, Mexico, April 14, (UPI): Mexican police yesterday forced a suspect to dig up a 13th body buried at a border ranch where drug smugglers sought to protect themselves by sacrificing humans in cult rituals, and US officials predicted more victims would be found.

US and Mexican authorities, meanwhile, reported some progress in the search for the couple said to be the key members of the marijuana-smuggling ring, which is now believed to be much larger than first suspected.

The suspects, adherents of the Caribbean cult Santeria,

Have sex, promote harmony in society

HELSINKI, April 14, (Reuters): Finnish health experts recommend a more sexually active lifestyle and greater sexual equality to promote happiness and harmony in society.

"Sexual satisfaction and contentment with life go hand-in-hand," said an official report drawn up for the National Board of Health and published on Wednesday.

"Sexually active people are less downhearted and anxious and have fewer psychosomatic symptoms than those. Positively experienced sexual activity is a good antidote to the ill effects of stress," the report said.

"In a world of sexual equality in which attitudes to eroticism are positive, children would not be abused, women would not be raped and men would not be driven to suicide."

Health board director-general Matti Raokola told a news conference that stress sufferers could be sent on sex holidays.

"Why not? It's a good idea but how we would do it is another question," he said.

The report said parents should have the chance to get away from their children and workers from their jobs.

"By relaxing together, the vacation would often turn into a satisfying sex holiday," the report added.

The report said that vision was in stark contrast to present-day Finland where people had problems even talking about sex.

Prince Edward to visit Moscow

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): Britain's Prince Edward, Queen Elizabeth's youngest son, visits Moscow tomorrow as relations between Buckingham Palace and the Kremlin grow warmer than at any time since the 1917 Russian revolution.

Scientists defend fusion-in-a-flask

Soviets confirm

DALLAS, April 14, (UPI): One of the fathers of the nuclear fusion-in-a-flask "experiment" defended his controversial work before the scientific community on Wednesday and expressed confidence that his findings of a safe and inexpensive nuclear energy source would be borne out.

"It's absolutely clear what we're seeing, in my mind," Stanley Pons, an electrochemist from the University of Utah, told the 197th national meeting of the American Chemical Society. "We cannot explain the data by any other means."

Pons and Martin Fleischmann, of the University of Southampton in England, announced on March 23 that they had created nuclear fusion at low temperatures, surprising the scientific community and themselves. Fleischmann, first expected to attend the meeting, went instead to Italy for another scientific forum.

Pons answered highly technical questions from chemists for more than an hour, including one light-hearted query asking whether he was a hero, a villain or a phony. "No comment," the chemist responded.

In other developments Wednesday, Soviet scientists confirmed results of the room-temperature fusion experiment. The official Tass news agency said Rumar Kluzmin and other researchers at the Moscow University physics department performed 20 experiments and "have confirmed the experiments of US colleagues to obtain nuclear fusion at room temperature."

A noted Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher said he has developed a theory that may explain how "cold fusion" may work, but gave no details. Peter Hagelstein said in a statement that he submitted four research papers to scientific jour-

nals "describing a speculative theory on the new cold fusion."

A scientist who said he produced nuclear fusion at room temperature about the same time as Pons and Fleischmann said he has made peace with them. Steven Jones, 41, of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, said Pons and Fleischmann agreed to make a simultaneous announcement with him. Jones met with Fleischmann at the Italian conference to settle the dispute.

Pons and Fleischmann said their calculations on fusion indicated the energy available in 1 cubic foot (0.3 cu m) of sea water is equivalent to the energy released in burning 10 tons of coal. Since then, researchers worldwide have been trying to duplicate their efforts.

Texas A and M University in College Station, Texas, and the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta announced on Monday confirmation of key parts of the experiment, but warned the energy release might be just a bizarre chemical reaction.

"This means that there will be an increased effort to determine what the source or nature of this new reaction is," Pons said on Monday. "The reaction is most likely nuclear. It can't be explained any other way, but the scientific community will have to now try to understand the process involved."

Pons and Fleischmann said hydrogen nuclei apparently fused in their experiment, giving off excess energy.

Fusion, the energy source of the sun, results from the joining of atomic nuclei.

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THERE is a general practice in the private sector that an employee who resigns after five years service gets seven-and-a-half days salary for the first five years and 15 days for the rest. Is it not a violation of the labour law?

Akhtar Hussain Safat

THE end-of-service benefits, published in Arab Times on April 1 and April 8, are the general guidelines of settlement. If a person is sacked, he gets the full benefits as stated by the law. If he resigns, he gets 50 per cent of the benefits. It is not a violation of the law, but common practice.

WHERE is the orphanage in Kuwait? Who is responsible for it? Please give its location and a contact telephone number.

K.M.K.

Mina Al Zour

THE orphanage is located in Sulaibikhat, near the Sabah Hospital, in the Social Welfare complex. The orphanage, old-people's home and a home for the disabled are located in the complex, which is run by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. The ministry's Assistant Undersecretary Latif Al Rujab is responsible for welfare activities. But there is an officer-in-charge at the orphanage. The telephone number, as given by the Ministry of Communication, is 4872718.

IF a wife holding valid residence permit in Kuwait delivers triplets in India, what is the procedure to bring the children to Kuwait?

Ali H. Shmida

IF both the husband and wife have a valid residence permit, they are eligible to bring their children on a visit visa, which can be obtained by the mother or the father.

The infant's birth certificate must be endorsed by the hospital, and attested by the Foreign Ministry. The certificate, along with the mother's passport must be submitted to the Kuwaiti Embassy to obtain a visit visa.

When they arrive in Kuwait, the children are eligible to get dependent's visas, provided the father earns a minimum of KD600 salary (private sector) KD450 (public sector).

A parent must fulfill the following: complete an application form for a dependent's visa, a copy of which is signed by the sponsor and enclosed; produce a salary certificate; present the passport with a valid residence permit; a photo-copy of the Civil ID card; marriage certificate and a photocopy of the passport.

If a child is born in Kuwait, his or her name can be included in the mother's passport.

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Kuwait school fees lowest, says official

Owners union keen to upgrade levels

DR Fuad Al Abed, spokesman for the Private Schools and Cultural Institutes Owners Union was quoted as saying that tuition fees in Kuwait were the cheapest throughout the world.

In an interview with a local daily, Dr Abed called on the Ministry of Education to enhance subsidies for private

schools in order to enable these schools to pay the salaries of their teachers and employees.

He added that the union has called for giving a special discount to needy students, adding that some schools had provided the necessary aid to students while others had allocated free seats for charitable institutions.

The official denied there is any difference between the level of government schools and private ones, saying the curriculum in both types of school is the same except in the English language curriculum.

Dr Abed added that the union was keen to upgrade private schools levels, and that the major

problem facing such schools was the buildings. The union has asked the Ministry of Education to reaffirm its support for these schools by allocating the necessary plots for them to build their own headquarters.

The official expressed regret that some schools were resorting to illegal competition in the

imposition of tuition fees, even though such fees are defined by the Ministry of Education. Unfortunately, he said, some schools had reduced their fees in order to compete with their counterparts. This issue has been discussed with ministry officials, who expressed no readiness to intervene, he said.

Kuwait to join FAO anti-locust conference

International team to formulate plans

KUWAIT has received a comprehensive report from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) on locusts and an invitation from FAO to participate in the conference scheduled to take place in Rome next June on combating desert locusts.

The conference aims at mobilising international efforts in the formation of an international team which will formulate plans designed to control locusts in their original areas of proliferation and eventually halt the locusts swarms invading other areas, according to Jassem Al Bader, director of Botanic Department at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs.

Bader said that the authority

had recently eradicated all strategic areas of the country from locusts. Necessary arrangements to address any future locust invasions had also been undertaken.

Training

National cadres had recently completed intensive field training in the fighting of locusts. The training course began last December and ended in April.

The first training course was attended by 14 agronomists, the second by 15 agronomists while the third and fourth training courses were attended by all employees working in the prevention field.

The fourth seminar was attended also by 17 agronomists from

the Ministry of Education. This is to comply with the policy of the authority to upgrade technical capabilities of staff working in the agriculture field at the state's ministries and institutions, Bader said. The courses covered theoretical and practical aspects related to fighting of locusts in addition to paying field visits to the country's strategic areas which are liable to be exposed to locust invasion.

Speaking of the locust invasion in Kuwait last year, the official said that there were four locust invasions which arrived from Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Wafra and Abdali areas were most affected. Agricultural areas affected have been estimated to be 4,570 hectares.



Exhibition on Kuwaiti heritage

Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education Suad Al Rafei opened on Thursday an exhibition on Kuwaiti heritage at the Umm Al Monzer Primary School for Girls in Hawalli.

Study under way to solve Kuwait traffic problems

DIRECTOR of the General Traffic Department and the vice chairman of the Higher Traffic Council Brig. Fuad Musaed Al Saleh has said that the council had made several important proposals and studies aimed at solving the traffic problem in Kuwait.

He said the council, which was established in 1982, had proposed the establishment of driving schools and a company to run them. He added that the council also proposed the imposition of restrictions to the use of light trucks (pick-ups). Saleh said that the authority of the council is consultative only and that all proposals and studies are submitted to the Interior Ministry. If the proposals are accepted, decisions for their enforcement are issued by the ministry undersecretary.

Saleh added that the council had

proposed to the GCC General Secretariat to carry out a comprehensive study on the causes of accidents in all the GCC states. Another proposal was sent to the General Secretariat of the GCC to study the high percentage of exhaust fumes from cars in GCC states. He said that the council had completed a study on the establishment of an institute for training police and submitted it to the department of studies and research at the Interior Ministry. KD200,000 has been already allocated for the institute.

Private testing

Saleh added that the council had studied a report by the Board Safety Society on carrying out vehicle testing in private workshops, and referred the study to the Technical Vehicle Testing Section of the Traffic Department which later approved it.

The interior minister last week issued a decision permitting private garages to carry out annual vehicle testing, currently done by the Traffic Department.

Saleh said the council had also studied road safety and made a proposal calling for the use of seat belts in Kuwait. He added that the council also proposed the use of large scales to weigh trucks entering Kuwait at border posts.

Traffic centre

Saleh said the council had proposed the establishment of a centre for traffic studies and research and is also studying the issue of traffic movement and flow in the country including the organisation of traffic lights and other important signs. He said the council had studied the issue of taxes in Kuwait at length, and has decided to establish a shareholding company for taxes which will start with the airport tax.

Saleh added that the council had also made a study on the ways to limit the number of vehicles in Kuwait and came out with a number of proposals which were submitted to the Council of Ministers.

Another proposal was to stop issuing new licences for public transport buses except for government use. The council also suggested banning the use of face-cover by women drivers and a decision to this effect was later issued by the Interior Ministry.

Concerning future studies and plans being prepared by the council, Saleh said that a proposal is under study to work out a five-year plan for traffic in Kuwait, which will include the requirements of the country from vehicles and equipment. The council is also studying standards for the import of cars, the optimal number of vehicles in Kuwait.

Disease free certificate a must for new expatriates

ANY expatriate worker coming to the country for the first time should obtain a certificate from Kuwait's Medical Examination Centre declaring that he is free from contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria.

The centre began its activities in March 1988 to protect the country from being infected with contagious diseases imported into the country by expatriate workers, according to Dr Rashed Al Uwish, the director of the centre.

He added that the centre stopped medical tests of leprosy in September last year after six months of opening the centre

without finding any case of leprosy among 70,000 persons examined during that period. After some cases of meningitis were discovered, the centre began vaccinations in October 1988.

Timings
Uwish said that any expatriate worker who needs the centre's certificate should bring his passport, No Objection Certificate, two photos and a stamp of ten dinars which is the medical examination charge. Certificates are provided within a week.

The centre is open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on normal working days.

Fingerprint regulations

EXPATRIATES must complete their fingerprints and medical examinations within two months after entering the country, according to Lt Col Eid Abdullah Al Mutairi, director of the personal investigation department for Hawalli governorate.

Expatriates may have their prints done at any of the four governorates' personal investigation departments, he said, adding that it takes a full week to issue a criminal record certificate so petitioners should plan their time accordingly.

The department also takes the fingerprints of both citizens and expatriates over the age of 15 for the civil ID card. Mutairi urged petitioners to bring with them all the required paperwork in order to speed up processing.

No increase in rent allowance

THE government of Kuwait has no intention at present to increase rent allowances given by the state to Kuwaiti families awaiting allocation of government houses, according to an official source.

Achieving the recommendations of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to shorten the waiting period of citizens to obtain government housing will provide the best solution towards comfortable living standards and surroundings for Kuwaiti families, Naser Al Roudhan, minister of state for housing affairs, said.

Regulations

In a related development, Roudhan said that the Public Housing Authority may agree to provide Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis and who have children, rent allowance instead

of government housing.

This move has been approved by the Higher Council within the framework of a draft law of housing services, and is now being reviewed by the Council of Ministers and studied by the ministerial legislative committee, Roudhan said, and added that applications of Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis to get government houses will be treated according to present regulations.

Applications that will be submitted after the approval of the draft law will be treated according to the new regulations, the official said.

The Public Housing Authority will distribute flats at the Sawaher Complex after completion of some formalities with citizens, Roudhan said.

Health minister orders medical enquiry board

KUWAIT, April 14, (KUNA): The Minister of Public Health Thursday ordered the setting up of a board of enquiry to probe any error committed by treating physicians.

The committee will comprise Secretary-General of the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialties Dr Abdulla Al Rifai, Chief Surgeon at the Amir Hospital Dr Hilal Al Sayer, neurologist Dr Raad Shaker, Head of the Gastroenterology Section in Farwaniyah Hospital Dr Ashmawi Abdul Wahab, Senior Nutrition Expert Dr Khairy Najib and the ministry's legal adviser Yehia Aboul Futuh.

Under the decision, the committee may at the end of its investigation either order disciplinary action, report to the concerned state authority or decide to keep records of the case.

In all cases, however, the committee is to report its findings within one week, including recommended course of action, to the Health Ministry's undersecretary, who in turn, will submit the matter to the minister.

New French school

ONE more French School will be opened by September, according to sources at the French Embassy.

The sources said the Kuwaiti authorities recently "granted permission" to open another French school in the country.

The new school will be recognised by the French government, and will be opened by a "new owner." Enrollment will start before the school's opening in September.

The curriculum will be "compatible" with the programme of the "best French schools."

Seminar on dangerous chemicals held

GCC governing policies to be laid down

By Jamal Amin

A SEMINAR on "dangerous chemicals" was recently organised by the State of Kuwait in co-operation with the GCC General Secretariat.

Speaking to Al Seyassah, Ibrahim Hadi, secretary-general of the Kuwait Environmental Protection Council, said that the seminar aimed at organising the purchase and export operations of dangerous chemicals, establishing a control apparatus in member states and set up a specialised data base.

The seminar discussed several working papers submitted by GCC member state representatives.

Experts of the international organisation had highlighted certain measures which are followed by some European countries with respect to dangerous chemicals.

Recommendations
The GCC General Secretariat had recommended that each of the member states should create a national unit for laying down policies governing imports and exports of these chemicals. The recommendations called for conducting a comprehensive survey of all imported and exported chemicals.

The official added that the secretariat had called for training of national cadres in the chemical field in addition to setting up

plants to fight any disaster that may result from chemical accidents.

Further, the GCC General Secretariat called for supporting scientific research related to chemicals in addition to forming a co-ordination committee at each member state to oversee activities of the chemical units in these states.

The seminar was attended by representatives from the six GCC member states and environmental experts from the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the International Organisation for the Registration of Chemicals affiliated to the UN Environment and Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Kuwait University to reconsider promotions

KUWAIT University is positively inclined to reconsider the existing promotion system of teachers, but the issue had been presently deferred pending the preparation of a special study, according to a university official.

All academic programmes currently being implemented by the university will be evaluated in a three-fold plan which has already been endorsed by the university board, Dr Ahmad Bishara, vice rector for scientific affairs at Kuwait University said.

Proof

He went on to state that the recently approved promotion system required teachers to prove their abilities and achievements at the academic

level. The system no longer stressed the minimum achievement percentage. Vital is the content and the place that the teacher's contribution or work was published.

The automatic renewal of the contract system will be reconsidered in light of the proposed evaluation plan and that the new regulations will be applicable to staff nominated for promotion too.

Bishara stressed the importance of scientific research in developing the level of existing scientific programmes, teaching methodologies and the teaching process. He also attached importance to the publication of research studies undertaken by the university in international magazines and scientific chronicles.

Five years for robbery

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced two men to five-years in jail with hard labour for robbery.

The court was told that the accused had conspired to rob their well-to-do neighbour and monitored her movements. On the day of the incident, the woman had left her flat to go shopping. The accused broke into the flat and were in the process of escaping when the woman suddenly returned to fetch her electricity bill she had forgotten.

The culprits assaulted the woman and tied her up in her bathroom. Keeping the loot on the roof building they reported the incident against an anonymous thief to the local police station.

They were arrested based on a positive identification by the victim.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Health grading

A GRADING system for family doctors is currently being considered by the Ministry of Public Health, according to Dr Mansour Sarkhoh, head of the College of Family Medicine at the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations.

Dr Sarkhoh told a press conference that since one of the main characteristics of family medicine is that it is an independent specialisation, the College of Family Medicine has organised a three-year training programme in co-operation with England's Royal College of Physicians.

Family doctors are closely connected with their patients, and this means a better doctor-patient relationship, Dr Sarkhoh said. Since under the proposed system family doctors will treat up to 95 per cent of his patients and refer only five per cent to hospitals, the new system would save the ministry a great deal of money, he said.

The family medicine programme has graduated two classes of 25 specialised doctors, Dr Sarkhoh said. The faculty has ten instructors who are specialised in the field.

Military conference

THE 3rd International Conference on Military Science and Technologies held recently in Cairo focused on the applications and the introduction of computerised and electronic strategic military equipment designed to raise the combat capabilities of aircraft.

Dr Yagoub Al Obaid, former dean of the College of Technological Studies at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, said that this important conference also included discussions on missiles of varying capabilities, chemical warfare, ways to reduce aircraft fissure and cracks as a result of ageing, and other topics of tactical significance.

Obaid stressed the need for holding such conferences on a regular basis in the Arab world, to improve existing military equipment and generate and support military research activities.

Book festival

THE tenth festival for children's books and toys organised by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Literature recently concluded its activities, a local daily reported.

Faisal Al Ghanem, head of the child culture section at the council, said that the festival had more than 111,814 visitors. The morning session alone saw a total of 8,618 students.

Hisham Al Mathloun from the Culture and Information office in Sharjah, Dr Bahiya Al Hashi, head of the childhood section in Bahrain, and other dignitaries visited the festival.

Ghanem said that the council will conduct a study to determine the type of reading material children in Kuwait are most attracted to. Another study will also be undertaken to specify toys that are educative and also liked by children.

Cleaning services

KUWAIT Municipality intends to include cleaning of toilets with the contract for the cleaning of the housing areas in different parts of the country, according to an official source.

The official said that the ministry is presently undertaking a scrutinising process of all companies that have contracted to undertake cleaning services. Those companies who have been found to be waning in their services will not be eligible for renewal of contracts.

He added that inspectors of municipal centres follow up works of cleaning companies in the housing areas to ensure that no terms of the contract are violated.

Drug conference

THE Islamic World League in co-operation with the Islamabad-based World Islamic University will organise a conference on drugs, Secretary-General of the Islamic World League Dr Abdullah Omer Nasif was quoted as saying.

In an interview with Qatari News Agency (QNA), Nasif said that the proposed conference will be held at Karachi on May 3 and will be patronised by the Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

The conference will debate several issues including the attitude of Islam towards narcotics, liquor, and smoking. The conference will also discuss methods of increasing treatment centres for addicts in poor countries.

Nasif added that the conference will also debate the role of the family towards protecting the new generation from these epidemics, in addition to developing international co-operation in drawing up a strategy for eradicating these vices and the role of the media in positively contributing to these eradication efforts.

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UN chief calls for Gulf restraint

UNITED NATIONS, April 14, (Reuters). Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced yesterday that the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq agreed to have further direct talks under his auspices in Geneva beginning on April 20.

His statement, read to reporters, said he hoped "that both countries will exercise maximum restraint in order to create the proper atmosphere and continue to make gestures of goodwill."

Each side has repeatedly accused the other of violations of a UN-brokered ceasefire that went into effect on August 20 last year, halting eight years of war. Foreign Ministers Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Tariq Aziz of Iraq held two rounds of direct talks in Geneva last year but made little progress towards turning the ceasefire into a permanent settlement of their nations' differences.

UN spokesman Francois

Giuliani said the new talks, arranged in recent, separate lower-level consultations in New York, would be "open-ended" but last at least two days. He said the secretary-general would be in Geneva until April 25, when he is due in Poland for an official visit.

Perez de Cuellar said the new meetings were an important opportunity to move toward full and rapid implementation of the Security Council's peace plan adopted on July 20, 1987 and

"the achieving of good neighbourly relations."

"This task should be pursued with urgency, determination and goodwill," he said.

The statement said Perez de Cuellar and his representative Jan Eliasson, the chief delegate of Sweden, emphasised the need for the withdrawal of forces without delay to internationally recognised boundaries, the release and repatriation of war prisoners and a speedy start to

mediation efforts to achieve the comprehensive settlement of all outstanding issues.

"In this context, pragmatic arrangements, particularly with regard to the economic life of the two countries, may well be needed to hasten the return to normality," the statement said.

Perez de Cuellar and Eliasson had underscored the urgent need to implement the Security Council peace plan resolution.

Polls impossible 'without PLO'

Mubarak returns from Amman

CAIRO, April 14, (Reuters). Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday said that elections in the occupied territories proposed by Israel could not take place without the PLO's consent.

Mubarak was speaking to reporters at Cairo airport on his arrival from Amman where he had talks with Jordan's King Hussein on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mubarak and Hussein have not ruled out elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, scene of a 16-month-long Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule, but find Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposals inadequate.

"I and King Hussein want to know the PLO's opinion on the elections. Our efforts are meant to reinforce the Palestinian cause," Mubarak was quoted by the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) as saying.

Mubarak and Hussein favour an international conference on the Middle East attended by all parties involved, including the PLO. Israel rejects the idea.

"Neither I nor King Hussein can replace the PLO," Mubarak told a questioner who asked if Egypt would represent the Palestinians in peace talks.

"The PLO must itself attend any negotiations and express its ideas. The land belongs to the Palestinians... not me," he said. Shamir, who refuses to talk to the PLO, last week proposed that Palestinians in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip elect representatives to negotiate an interim period of limited self-rule. The poll is conditional on the end of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Mubarak said he had heard differing PLO views on the elections. Some had approved the idea on condition they took place under international supervision, he said.

Others had said "free and democratic" elections were only possible after Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands, seized during the 1967 Middle East war.

"That is why it is necessary to get in touch with PLO leader Yasser Arafat for our opinions to crystallise," Mubarak added.

Presidential adviser Ossama Baz said Arafat was expected in Cairo in the next few days to discuss the latest peace efforts with Mubarak.

Arafat is also expected to fly to Jordan ahead of Hussein's talks in Washington next week where the Israeli proposal has received cautious backing.

● In Washington Shamir said yesterday the Jewish state could not survive if it withdrew from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

His comments, in a speech to American newspaper editors, seemed to firmly reject President Bush's recent calls for an end to Israeli occupation as part of a final peace settlement.

"The truth is if we withdrew there will be a PLO state on the outskirts of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and war," the headline Israeli leader told the editors.



Dump survey

A peasant soldier of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) surveys the charred remains of an ammunition dump in this undated picture. The Ethiopian Army set ablaze the dump before abandoning the provincial capital Mekele and leaving the entire northern Tigray province in rebel hands. (Reuters wire-photo)

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Envoy defends sale of bombers

WASHINGTON, April 14, (Reuters). Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin yesterday defended Moscow's sale of long-range bombers to Libya and said it should not raise doubts about the Kremlin's commitment to Middle East peace.

Speaking to American newspaper editors, he said the sale was completed a long time ago and insisted the planes "are not so modern" as Israeli aircraft.

"That is why it is not at all a basis to put into question the whole policy in the Soviet Union, the new thinking in our policy, and our policy in the Middle East," Dubinin said.

Egypt plans Red Sea bridge

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters). Egypt is considering building a bridge across the narrow entrance of the Gulf of Aqaba to link it to Saudi Arabia, a Saudi-owned newspaper yesterday quoted an Egyptian minister as saying.

The London-based Asharq Al Awsat said the eight kms (five miles) bridge over the Red Sea, would allow the passage of ships to major ports on the Gulf of Aqaba 200 kms (140 miles) at the northern end of the Gulf — Jordan's only port of Aqaba and Israel's Eilat. Egypt also has a small port, Noweiba, on the Gulf of Aqaba.

Bomb attack injures five

CAIRO, April 14, (Reuters). Five people were injured when an unidentified man threw two home-made petrol bombs from a speeding train in the Egyptian oasis town of Fayoum, officials said yesterday.

The unexplained attack on Tuesday night follows the arrest last Friday of 41 alleged Muslim radicals in Fayoum, 100 km (60 miles) southwest of Cairo.

The town was the scene of Egypt's latest clashes between security forces and Muslim fundamentalists seeking implementation of strict Islamic law (sharia).

Pakistani beheaded

RIYADH, April 14, (Reuters). A Pakistani convicted of murder was beheaded in the holy Muslim city of Medina, Saudi Arabia, local newspapers reported yesterday.

Quoting an Interior Ministry statement, the newspapers named the man in Arabic as Fadi Nahi Gholam Nabi and said he was beheaded on Wednesday in a public square after being convicted of murdering two of his countrymen.

Saudi Arabia, home of Islam's holiest shrines, implements the strict rules of sharia (Islamic law) which stipulates beheading by a sword for murderers.

Planned meeting postponed

VIENNA, April 14, (Reuters). A meeting planned for today in Vienna between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli opposition parliamentarians has been postponed, a PLO official said yesterday.

The meeting, arranged with Austrian government help, had been put off indefinitely "because of questions of agenda and technical reasons," a spokesman for the Vienna office of Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation said.

Neither PLO nor Austrian officials would name the Israelis due to have taken part.

Archaeologists uncover baths

LONDON, April 14, (KUNA). British archaeologists have uncovered what they believe to be London's first and largest Roman public bath house, it was reported here yesterday.

A detailed excavation of the site has suggested that the citizens of first century AD London washed regularly, kept fit in an exercise room and enjoyed an early form of sauna.

Mixed bathing was also apparently common, until prohibited by the Roman Emperor Hadrian in the second century, experts said.

Archaeologists had dated the baths between 70 and 80 AD, making them contemporary with previously excavated baths in other areas of southern England, notably Bath itself, Colchester and St Albans.

Islam is second religion

ROME, April 14, (KUNA). Islam became the second religion after Christianity in Italy, a prominent local daily reported yesterday.

Il-Messaggero paper in a report published yesterday on the spread of the Islamic religion in Europe said that the number of Muslims at the beginning of this year reached 300,000 most of them Arab and non-Arab emigrants.

The paper further said that 10,000 Italians entered Islam in the past years noting that their number will increase as a result of Islamic organisations active role in spreading Islam especially in Milano, north Italy.

'Kabul offensive soon'

Rebels cut off supply routes

KABUL, April 14, (Agencies). Afghan troops today battled Muslim rebels blocking two key supply routes in an effort to starve the capital into surrender.

The government confirmed yesterday the Salang highway running north to the Soviet border had been cut off at two points, stalling much-needed supplies of food and fuel.

The last convoy arrived in Kabul on April 6, but an explosion ripped through an oil depot in the capital and destroyed about a dozen of the 70 fuel trucks.

The blockade has left tons of supplies piled along the border, said diplomats who insisted on anonymity. The other highway running east from Kabul to the shell-shocked city of Jalalabad had been closed to all traffic except military convoys, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani.

The rebels control about 35 kilometres (20 miles) of the highway, the major route to the border with Pakistan.

One diplomat said the rebels had commandeered a convoy of empty trucks returning to the provincial capital of Jalalabad, parked them along the road and then placed mines inside.

With the two main roads to the capital blocked, the Soviet Union has been airlifting food and military equipment to Kabul to help the government of President Najib hold out against the rebels, known as mujahedeen.

But the airlift provides less than half of the 650 tons of flour the city of 2.25 million people needs daily, and shortages of essential supplies have sent prices soaring.

Supplies also are being airlifted into the besieged cities of Jalalabad and Khost, according to one senior Soviet source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The diplomats said the Salang highway had been cut by rebel Commander Ahmad Shah Masood and his Jamiat-i-Islami group, which has struck deals in the past with the pro-Soviet government to allow some convoys through.

The mujahedeen have made blockades a primary tactic in their fight to overthrow the Marxist government that seized power in an April 1978 coup.

Amani said the Salang road had been cut near the towns of Olang and Jabalassana.

He said operations were under way to clear the rebels from the Salang and Jalalabad highways

Stop debate, UN told

ISLAMABAD, April 14, (Reuters). An Afghan rebel government on Wednesday asked the United Nations to halt a Security Council debate on Afghanistan or focus on what it called Soviet and Indian interference in the country.

The Prime Minister of the Pakistan-based interim cabinet made the demand as it met inside Afghanistan for the second time in just over a month to discuss its fight against the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Abdurab Rasul Sayyaf told UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in a message released in Islamabad that the debate, which was requested by the Kabul government and began on Tuesday, had been prompted by a "baseless complaint of an illegitimate regime."

"If the council does discuss the issue, it should consider the continuation of Russian interference in Afghanistan and the reported interference of India," he said.

Some Afghan rebel groups have accused India of supplying pilots for Afghan jets after the Soviet Union completed the withdrawal of more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan in February. India has denied the charges.

Sayyaf said Soviet advisers were still involved in the war. Soviet pilots were flying Afghan bombers and a retired Soviet Army officer was helping to launch long-range Soviet Scud-B missiles against the rebels.

and predicted the roads would be open by the weekend.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman also said fighting had eased around Jalalabad, a provincial capital located about 112 kilometres (70 miles) east of Kabul.

However, he added, fierce fighting continued near the southern towns of Khost and Ghazni.

Amani said six government soldiers died while beating back rebels on three fronts around Khost. At least 185 rebels were killed, he said.

The Iran-based Afghan mujahedeen said that the rebels will start an offensive against Afghan forces near the capital city Kabul, Tehran Radio reported.

Mohammad Karim Khalili, spokesman of the Iran-based mujahedeen, said at a press conference in Tehran, that "forces in the city of Meidan, near Kabul, and in Ghazni and areas to the north of the capital are preparing to start operations, and soon a new front will be opened near Kabul," the radio said.

At least two Saudis have died fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government in Afghanistan, Saudi Press reports said.

The Jeddah-based English-language daily Arab News said Khalid Mulla Al Ahmadi, a married English literature major from King Abdul Aziz University with three children, was killed while fighting government troops around Jalalabad airport.

'Iranian Nights', inspired by Rushdie

LONDON, April 14, (AP). A new play inspired by the controversy over Salman Rushdie's novel 'The Satanic Verses' opens in London next week to counter what one of its two authors, himself Muslim-born, refers to as a "climate of fear."

"Iranian Nights" begins a 10-day run on April 19 at the Royal Court Theatre. It was written by Howard Brenton, the left-wing English playwright.

and Tariq Ali, an Oxford-educated Pakistani who like Rushdie, was born a Muslim.

Ali said the three-character play, inspired by the "Arabian Nights" stories, aims to promote a fuller, more "educative" vision of Islam than the fanatical image conveyed by Islamic fundamentalism.

It was written as a direct response to the plight of Rushdie, a naturalised British citizen born in India.

Sudanese rebels shell garrisons in Juba

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 14, (Agencies). Sudanese rebels yesterday claimed to have started shelling Army garrisons in the southern capital of Juba, a key city in the United Nations' relief effort aimed at averting famine deaths.

Relief officials in Nairobi said UN personnel in Juba contacted by radio reported no shelling by last afternoon. The officials could not comment immediately on what effect, if any, the rebel claim could have on the relief effort.

The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army said long-range artillery bombardment of Army garrisons in Juba, a city crowded with an estimated 300,000 residents and war refugees, was to start at 3 pm (1300 GMT) and continue for four days. The announcement came in a broadcast monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in Nairobi.

Juba's airstrip was being used by a UN-organised relief project to stock 170,000 metric tons of food and supplies in southern Sudan before seasonal rains make roads impassable. The United Nations warns that the relief effort could prevent 100,000 people in the war-ravaged south from starving.

Juba, the capital of Sudan's southernmost province of Equatoria, has remained in government hands throughout the six-year-old war but frequently has come under rebel fire. The rebels have been tightening their siege of the city this year.

The Christian and animist rebels took up arms against the Muslim-dominated Sudanese government in 1983, demanding autonomy and a larger share of Sudan's wealth and development for the south.

They have shot down civilian and relief planes and attacked truck, train and barge convoys, accusing the Army of using them to ferry supplies to its soldiers.

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Have fewer children, says Mubarak

CAIRO, April 14, (Reuters). Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told his countrymen on Wednesday there was food for all provided they stopped having so many children.

"If people did not have eight, nine or 12 children there would not be a food problem," he said before flying to talks on Middle East peace with Jordanian King Hussein at the Red Sea port of Aqaba.

Egypt's population of 54 million is reported by local media to be expanding at the rate of a million every seven months, and opposition newspapers carry almost daily reports of flour shortages, bread queues and rising prices.

"I feel like someone who is trying to budge open an iron door weighing 100 tonnes," Mubarak said in response to questions over inflation, unemployment and bread supplies.

Mubarak's remarks, carried on the state-run television news, were made as Egypt is seeking agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on rescheduling part of Egypt's \$43 billion foreign debt.

Egypt is the world's largest wheat flour importer, and diplomats said the food import bill was expected to reach between \$4 billion and \$5 billion in the financial year ending on July 1.

More than half the country's food needs are bought abroad. The IMF is demanding Egypt slash food and energy subsidies to balance the state budget. Direct subsidies are said by Egyptian economists to absorb 20 per cent of the government's annual expenditure.

"We must all work together. One hand can't clap alone," Mubarak said. "The people have to organise themselves and not expect the government to do everything for them."

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A FRIEND is, one might say, a second self — Cicero.
Roman statesman (106 BC-43 BC).

Lebanon's agony

'Dialogue of the deaf'

By Diana Abdallah

BEIRUT. (Reuters): Despair hung over Lebanon as fierce artillery exchanges took the battered country towards its 15th year of civil war.

With peace prospects as remote as ever, rival Syrian and mainly Christian Army troops battled, one day before the anniversary, with artillery across Beirut and its mountains, the last bloody cycle in Lebanon's long war.

The latest bloodbath started in March when Christian Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun blockaded militia ports and vowed to expel Syria's estimated 40,000 troops from Lebanon even if Beirut was flattened.

"The country is headed to the unknown amid a dialogue of the deaf," a Western diplomat said.

Lebanon is now without a president and is ruled by two rival governments, a split Army and paralysed Parliament, taking it for the time close to formal partition.

"With 100,000 killed, 200,000 wounded, a devastated country, we still take joy in marking the anniversary with new violence," said an editor of a local independent newspaper.

The civil war flared on April 13, 1975 when a bus full of Palestinians was ambushed in a Christian suburb of Beirut.

Few then foresaw the conflict, estimated today to have killed 130,000 people, uprooted thousands from their homes and caused damage running into billions of dollars, would last more than a few weeks.

The war, which began on a sectarian note, pitting Christians against Muslims and their Palestinian allies, has now taken regional and international dimensions, while local differences still tear the country apart.

Rival militias carved their own cantons in the first two years of the war, where they ever since imposed their authority.

All roads linking Muslim and Syrian-held areas to a Christian enclave have been closed for the past month, widening the gap between the country's four million people.

A West Beirut Christian resident said children who have known nothing but informal partition question her whenever she visits the east of the city. "What do the Muslims look like?"

With Israeli troops occupying part of the south, Syrian troops in the east and the north and the rest of Lebanon split into militia-run fiefs, central state authority hardly exists.

Hopes for many are now pinned on an Arab League committee trying to find a solution to a political crisis which took a further twist when Parliament failed to elect a new president in September.

Lebanese, both Christians and Muslims, say they are fed up with the war which has plagued every aspect of their lives.

But they remain sceptical of any solution as the strife entered its 15th year and the latest violence reaches new heights.

The Lebanese have seen peace efforts come and go. National dialogue conferences, security committees, Muslim demands resisted by Christians, Christian demands rejected by Muslims — each accompanied by merciless shelling and shooting.

Since 1975, alliances have changed and myriad peace plans been proposed. Scores of ceasefires and attempts by local, regional and international powers — some of whom sent troops to Lebanon — have failed to end the killing.

The hallmarks of strife have increased: checkpoints mushrooming across the country, sand barricades splitting cities, shell-shattered houses, shops and offices, and a prolonged economic crisis that has crippled the currency.

Thousands of people, kidnapped along sectarian lines throughout the war, are still missing, most believed dead.

Foreigners too, trying to live normal lives, have been caught up in the power play. Up to 17 Westerners are still missing, believed kidnapped.

The militias seem to have an endless supply of weapons ranging from personal pistols to heavy artillery and to be ready to use them even in the most congested residential areas.

Muslims, who have grown in number and power since Lebanon's political system was set up in 1943 favouring the Christians, are making many of the same demands as in 1975.

They want more influence in the government, reorganisation of the Army, a firm policy against Israeli influence and special relations with Syria.

But the country's Christians are seeking international help to drive the Syrians out, before talks on political reforms.

France's efforts to end the latest battles and its apparent support to the Christian drive seemed to indicate a new move to internationalise the crisis.

Press review

No hope in American statements

KUWAIT. (KUNA): Daily Al Rai Al Aam said on Thursday that one should not build hope on the American statements on Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967, and the convocation of an international Middle East peace conference.

In its front page editorial the daily asserted that Washington cannot be objective in issues concerning Israel. The US administration is biased to the principle that the solution has to be in favour of Israel and its interest, daily Al Rai Al Aam added.

The US administration did not change its stance toward the Israeli aggressive measures against Palestinians in the occupied lands, the paper noted.

In conclusion, the paper expressed fear over the results of the slow peace process of the Arab co-ordination, adding that what it fears is the breakout of conflict between organisations and institutions that will affect the Palestinian uprising and Israel would have the chance to abort it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1638 — English settlers arrive at what is now New Haven, Connecticut, in USA.
- 1689 — France's King Louis XIV declares war on Spain.
- 1715 — Prussia, Prussia and Denmark form alliance against Sweden, and war is declared.
- 1736 — Baron Theodore of Neuhof is elected king of Corsica.
- 1856 — Britain, France and Austria guarantee integrity and independence of Turkey.
- 1888 — Peasants start uprising in Romania.
- 1891 — Katanga Company is formed under Leopold of Belgium's direction to exploit copper deposits.
- 1923 — Insulin, discovered by Canadian Dr Frederick Banting, is made available for general use by diabetics.
- 1927 — Chiang Kai-Shek organizes government at Nanking in China.
- 1942 — Japanese artillery blasts US positions on Corregidor in Philippines in World War II.
- 1968 — Two unmanned Soviet Sputniks link up while in orbit around earth.
- 1971 — Ceylon government charges that North Korea diplomats are aiding leftist guerrillas, and orders them out of country.
- 1974 — Military coup in West African country of Niger overthrows government of President Hamani Diori.
- 1977 — Protest marches in Pakistan become violent and at least eight people are reported killed.
- 1982 — Five militant Muslim fundamentalists are executed in Egypt as assassins of President Anwar Sadat.
- 1987 — Philippines-flag vessel sailing to Kuwait with load of Australian sheep is attacked and set ablaze by Iranian gunboat in central sector of Gulf.
- 1988 — State of emergency is extended two additional months in Lima, Peru, to fight rising violence by leftist guerrillas.

Glasnost may raise expectations that cannot be satisfied

East Germans refuse to dance to Gorbachev's tune

By William Echikson

EAST BERLIN: "Verboten."

The salesgirl's voice was shrill. In a swift, sharp movement, she raised her hand in disapproval — and called for her boss to take away the customer's camera. Obviously, the merchandise on display at the Centrum department store was top-secret.

"No photos here," she said. "It's against the rules."

Here in headline East Germany, Erich Honecker's rigid leadership refuses to march to the tune of Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost. The East Germans fear that "openness" will destabilize them by raising aspirations that cannot be satisfied.

During the Brezhnev period, officials here had little problem selling their tough line. But in the Gorbachev era, the tone has turned defensive.

Late last year, the East Germans banned four Soviet films, along with the official Soviet press review, Sputnik, after it published criticisms of Stalin's relationship with Hitler, including one under the headline, "Would Hitler Have Been Possible Without Stalin?" This view questions the purity of communism's "anti-fascist" struggle, so dear to East Germany's veteran leaders.

In interview after interview with East German officials, the same phrases re-emerge: "The Soviet Union has its own reasons for reform... our system is working well... each country has the right to make its own policy."

Living in a divided country, and on the East-West dividing line, makes change a tricky proposition. Whether communist or capitalist, Hungary will remain a state for Hungarians, Poland for Poles. But East Germany was created as a "socialist" state in comparison to its "capitalist" neighbour, which makes it doubly difficult for its rulers to start practicing Western heresies.

"Glasnost and perestroika (restructuring) hit straight at this regime's legitimacy," says a Western diplomat. "Without the ideological raison d'etre of socialism, it will be hard to explain why the state should exist."

Soviet leader Gorbachev seems sympathetic to this predicament. He permits reform-minded leaders in Poland and Hungary to move toward democracy, while letting inflexible allies in Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, as well as East Germany, maintain the status quo. Western diplomats say the Soviet leader wants, above all, "stability" in his empire.

East German diplomats and officials insist that their relations with Moscow remain on an even keel. Pressure for reform, they say, is limited to spurious propaganda from the West.

"We don't feel any pressure, any doubts, any concern from the Soviet Union," says Klaus Wilczynski, diplomatic correspondent for the Berliner Zeitung. "It's the West Germans and the other Westerners who are complaining. Before, they told us to be different from the Soviet Union. Now that we are different, they say we should be like the Soviet Union."

Criticism is also mounting within East Germany. Over the past year, the independent Evangelical Church stepped up calls for reform. The regime responded by banning issues of church publications.

"The church is sometimes like children who don't always listen," complains Hans Wilke of the Office of Religious Affairs. "It must respect the construction of socialism."

Church-based dissidents say their numbers are swelling — along with the number of would-be emigrants to West Germany. The number of emigration applicants remains a state secret, but is estimated to run as high as half a million out of a total population of only 16 1/2 million.

"People are ashamed of their country," says Ralf Hirsch, a leader of the Peace and Human Rights Initiative in West Berlin. "More and more



East German border guards monitor the Berlin Wall.

people compare the reforms in the Soviet Union with the lack of change in East Germany and decide they want to leave."

In the past, East German authorities have defused danger by expelling dissident leaders. Hirsch himself, along with Stephan Krawczyk and Freya Klier, were arrested a year ago and given the choice between emigration or long prison terms.

"I didn't want to leave," Hirsch says. "But I didn't want to be in prison for eight years."

Another hindrance to the opposition's effectiveness is its isolation from the working-class. Workers are relatively well off, and thus conservative in their political demands. For instance, they scorn the Polish desire for independent trade unions — "Why don't they just work a little harder," says one butcher, expressing a common opinion.

"We're isolated," admits Gerd Poppe, a leader of the Human Rights Initiative in East Berlin. "We can't count on Gorbachev, and we can't count on ourselves. The pressure from below here is not yet strong enough."

If real change is to come, it might first come from within the party.

The decision to ban Sputnik provoked a surprising amount of grumbling from the lower ranks: some party members even resigned. Criticisms also have been voiced concerning the restrictive press policy and the lack of economic reform.

"In party meetings, members have been getting up and protesting the Sputnik banning," says Irene Runge, a sociologist at Humboldt University. "There's a feeling that the party must become less rigid, more tolerant and open."

The ruling Politburo, almost all veteran anti-Nazi fighters now in their mid-70s, look unable to respond to this budding sentiment. Even if party leader Honecker steps down next year at a party congress, which is by no means certain, no young reformer looks ready to take over.

"We have no Gorbachev," mourns Werner Fischer, another leader of the Human Rights Initiative. He places little hope in younger party leaders. In his opinion, they may be less ideologically rigid than their predecessors, but they are just as ruthlessly authoritarian.

"Our younger communists are pragmatic Stalinists," he concludes. "That may be worse than the present generation of hard-line Stalinists."

Najibullah's late conversion

From Das Kapital to the Holy Quran

KABUL. (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah has officially discarded Das Kapital and turned instead to the Holy Quran to win popular support in his fight against Muslim rebels.

Najibullah, head of the once staunchly Communist People's Democratic party of Afghanistan, often attends mosques since Soviet forces withdrew in February leaving his government to fight on alone against the mujahedeen rebels.

And instead of seeking inspiration from Karl Marx's work viewed as the communist Bible, he now quotes verses from the Holy Quran reminding the 15 million Muslims in this impoverished land that the day of judgement is coming and warning them against fratricide.

Even members of the Communist Party and government officials portray themselves as anti-Soviet in the new campaign for the hearts and minds of the faithful.

Najibullah has sought to divide the well-armed rebel factions arrayed against Kabul, many of them ardently Muslim and all of them anti-communist.

Kabul no longer brands rebels based inside Afghanistan as bandits, but refers to them

almost affectionately as brothers and compatriots. Their struggle against the Soviet troops was also a Jihad (holy war) which left many martyrs.

But in contrast Kabul portrays the mujahedeen leaders based in Pakistan as a bunch of warmongers seeking power at any cost.

"We say enough to brothers killing brothers. Let's stop the war and sit together like brothers and seek Allah's guidance and solve our problems," Najibullah said in a message to rebel commanders in Afghanistan.

"We in the government have chosen the path of God and his prophet," said the leader who is remembered as a devout Muslim by fellow students during his days as a Kabul University medical student.

He has offered to share power with the mujahedeen provided they respond to his appeal for a negotiated settlement to the 10-year-old Afghan war. He has offered to meet them in the Muslim holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia.

But so far the rebels have spurned his olive branch — and sceptical Kabulis view the President's public embrace of Islam with deep suspicion.

Najibullah's problem is that he is associated with the period when Soviet troops

and advisors reigned supreme in Afghanistan, much to the disgust of the proud Afghans.

His former role as head of the Khat secret police has also left a legacy of bitterness, undermining public confidence in him as an honest leader committed to an independent policy.

Asked if Najibullah's new-found piety had produced a positive perception of his government, a taxi driver said: "You must be joking. People cannot easily forget more than 10 years of communist rule and believe these cheap tricks."

He added: "The Russians have dealt the most severe blow to this country, something the Afghans will never forget."

The driver said one of his sons serving with the Afghan Army had been killed by the mujahedeen. "But I blame the Russians for his death. They set brother against brother."

Hatred of communism and the Soviet Union are the norm among ordinary Kabulis, although that does not mean they support the mujahedeen wholeheartedly.

Rockets fired at residential areas of Kabul have taken their toll and the war-weary population curses the mujahedeen leadership for inflicting further suffering on them.

History is being reinterpreted in Hungary

1956 uprising seen through 'glasnost' eyes

By David Lewis

BUDAPEST. (Reuters): Three gaping holes in Plot 301 of Budapest's sprawling Kozma Street Cemetery offer a stark and literal image of how Hungary is digging up its past.

From these three unkempt and unmarked graves the bodies of communist Prime Minister Imre Nagy and four associates have just been exhumed, to be reburied in marked graves on June 16, the 31st anniversary of Nagy's execution for treason during the 1956 rebellion.

The open graves symbolise the spirit of glasnost which has swept Hungary since Janos Kadar was ousted last May from the post of party leader which he had filled since being installed by Soviet tanks sent in to quash the rebellion.

History is being reinterpreted as Hungary prepares to restore — as Nagy did briefly in 1956 — the multi-party system suppressed by the communists 40 years ago.

There are awkward political problems for the Communist Party and also a question on which neither the party nor 1956 veterans can agree: can, and should, Nagy be given a full diplomatic rehabilitation by the Communist Party?

Reformers like Politburo member Imre Pozsgay believe Hungary cannot progress without clearing up unpleasant corners of its past which divide the population.

But 1956 is an extremely sensitive issue for Hungary and its communist rulers.

"It lies at the heart of Hungary's current political system," one Western diplomat said. "And any reinterpretation of those events calls into question its very legitimacy."

A reformist who had already served as prime minister from 1953-55, Nagy became

premier on October 24, 1956, the second day of the rebellion known ever since to its supporters as a "revolution" and its opponents as a "counter-revolution."

Less than two weeks later, after Nagy had announced Hungary's withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, Soviet tanks invaded Budapest to install a new party leadership under Janos Kadar.

The rebellion was put down and hundreds of "counter-revolutionaries" were executed or jailed.

Although Kadar is said to have promised Nagy his life, the man still regarded as a hero by many was convicted of treason and hanged. For nearly 32 years, the subject of 1956 was kept firmly underground. Even the burial site was secret.

But since last May, when Kadar and his old guard were replaced in the party's Politburo by Karoly Grosz and a string of reformers, not only Nagy himself but the whole subject of 1956 is being unearthed and reassessed.

A party sub-committee on history said this year the 1956 rebellion was a "popular uprising," not a "counter-revolution."

Popular uprisings being conceptually close to revolutions, many in the party found this reinterpretation too hard to take and rejected it as over-simplistic. If 1956 was a popular uprising, this would imply that those who repressed it — among them the Soviet Union — were the real counter-revolutionaries.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told Grosz in Moscow last month he rejected 1956-style interventions and promised Hungarian historians access to Soviet archives on the events.

Yugoslavia, which had a hand in deciding how the rebellion and Nagy were treated, is also opening its records to Hungary.

"I do not believe in Imre Nagy's political rehabilitation," Grosz said last week, asked if this would be possible before the reburial on June 16. But he said the party would review its position if new facts emerged.

Noting that Nagy's speeches and new books on him were now available in Hungarian shops, top party ideologist Janoz Berecz said Nagy's political rehabilitation had already started.

But officials say formal party rehabilitation is unlikely as it would embarrass East bloc countries who were involved in agreeing to the intervention and in the pressure for Nagy to be executed.

Pressure for reburial of Nagy and his associates — his secretary Jozsef Szilagyi, Defence Minister Pal Maleter, journalist Miklos Gimes and Minister of State Geza Losonczy — has been spearheaded by the committee for historical justice.

But even members of the committee, formed 10 months ago by 1956 veteran "revolutionaries" and relatives of those executed, cannot agree about whether the party should rehabilitate Nagy.

Historian Gyorgy Litvan who spent four years in jail for activities following 1956, believes it should.

Speaking at Nagy's graveside, however, fellow committee member Andras B. Hegedus said formal rehabilitation by the party would be "ridiculous."

And Nagy's daughter Erzsébet suggested she did not consider the current ruling party worth to rehabilitate her father.

"I am not even asking this party to do it," she said at her father's open grave.

Only a new constitutional state could give moral and political satisfaction to the revolutionaries and freedom fighters of 1956, to Imre Nagy, his associates and all of us."

North Korea faces growing isolation

By Mark O'Neill

PYONGYANG. (Reuters): North Korea faces growing isolation because of its extremist image, its failure to repay foreign debts and a successful diplomatic offensive by the booming South.

Sweden and Austria have withdrawn their diplomats from Pyongyang, leaving a Finnish commercial secretary as the sole West European diplomat permanently in North Korea.

Pyeongyang angrily downgraded relations with Hungary to charge d'affaires level after Budapest established diplomatic ties with Seoul in February.

The Soviet Union followed Yugoslavia in opening a trade office in Seoul earlier this month and will be followed by Poland and Bulgaria in the first half of this year.

"Asian diplomacy now is all about money," a diplomat in Pyongyang said. "The South has capital and technology to export, the North does not. It is losing out."

Another reason for the isolation is the bombing of a Korean Air Lines plane in November 1987 over Burma which Seoul blames on the North. One of the bombers confessed on national television in South Korea that she was a North Korean agent.

"Most countries believed the South. Fewer delegations came here after that," a second diplomat said.

North Korea officials disclaim responsibility for the bombing, calling the South's case "a fabrication" and saying those accused of carrying it out were not from the North.

"Time will prove who is right and who is wrong," said Kang Jong Il, a member of the Korean Society for Relations With Foreign Countries, in an interview.

"History tells us that those who are in a dilemma carry out such a plot, like the burning of the Reichstag in 1936," he said, referring to the incident when the Nazis set fire to the German parliament and blamed it on the Communist Party.

"It is a pity some socialist countries have relations with the South, bartering class principles for a few dollars. We hope they will abide by their principles. We will not be so foolish as to cut relations with them," he said.

The country's two strongest allies are the Soviet Union and China, whose military assistance in the Korean war threw back the UN forces to the 38th Parallel and saved the North.

Both countries also provided enormous financial assistance in the post-war reconstruction period. They have large embassies in the centre of Pyongyang, while nearly all the others have been moved to a diplomatic quarter in the south of the city.

"The Soviet Union and China do not mind about the Kim Il Sung personality cult, which they regard as an internal affair," said the second diplomat, referring to the aura surrounding the North Korean president who has led the country since its founding in 1948.

"They have a common policy toward North Korea and are not competing for its favour. Both want stability in the Korean peninsula," he said.

"It will be more aggressive in its diplomacy this year, especially in seeking a peace agreement with the US," he said. The Korean war ended in 1953 only with an armistice.

US firms are not allowed to do trade or investment with North Korea, except of a humanitarian nature, and North Korea has one of the lowest ratings in access to goods controlled by Cocom, a committee regulating exports to communist countries.

Since last September, it has held three rounds of talks in Peking with the United States, at the level of political counsellor.

A spokesman at the US embassy in Peking said that, during the talks, both sides repeated their positions. "There was not a lot to give and take. We would like to improve relations."

Commercially, North Korea has isolated itself by defaulting on its foreign debt, making it ineligible for new credit from the Western world.

North Korean officials could not give a figure for the debt. Kang said that non-repayment was not a political decision.

"Once we have completed major projects, paying back is no problem for us," he said.

North Korea earns little hard currency. Official figures for trade show a surplus in 1986, the last published year, of \$480 million on exports of \$6.1 billion and imports of \$5.62 billion, most in barter with socialist countries.

But it softened its policy of self-sufficiency by issuing a joint venture law in 1984.

Li Myong So, an economist at the Academy of Social Science, said joint ventures had been set up with France, Italy, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Soviet Union, East Germany and Poland, with most of the money coming from Koreans in Japan.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil prices rise on Saudi Arabian supply cuts

TOKYO, April 14, (Reuters): Crude oil prices surged 25 cents a barrel on Thursday, after Saudi Arabia announced it was slashing oil supplies to customers in Japan, Europe and the United States in May, oil industry sources said.

The US benchmark crude, West Texas Intermediate (WTI), traded at \$19.99 for June delivery in Tokyo on Thursday, up from its \$19.74 level on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia informed Japanese buyers that their May oil supplies would be cut by 40 per cent.

Industry sources said supplies to major oil companies in the United States would be cut by 15 to 23 per cent, and that some European oil companies had been notified of cuts of around 30 per cent.

Saudi Arabia cut supplies to Japan by twice as much as to US buyers because it can sell its oil for higher prices in the West, the sources said.

"I think they're taking advantage of the better market in the West," said a major oil company official.

Saudi Arabia's price formulas to customers in East Asia are linked to market values of the Omani and Dubai crudes from the Middle East, while US buyers pay prices based on free market values of oil from Alaska's North Slope (ANS).

The different formulas have resulted in cargoes of Arabian light oil recently fetching about \$1.50 a barrel more in the United States than in East Asia.

Arabian light also attracts a slightly higher price in Europe, where it is linked

to the spot market price of Britain's Brent blend, than in East Asia.

Saudi Arabia cut April supplies to Japan by 30 per cent but most customers had expected the kingdom to allocate them more oil in May to help stabilise prices, which have recently rocketed due largely to a string of industrial accidents.

"It came as a surprise to me. I was expecting Saudi Arabia to try to calm down the spot market," a Japanese refiner said.

WTI levels surged close to \$21.50 after the Valdez oil spill which caused a sharp reduction in Alaskan oil supplies.

Oil traders speculated that a large volume of Saudi Arabian crude could be heading for the United States where the kingdom has a large refining joint venture

with Texaco.

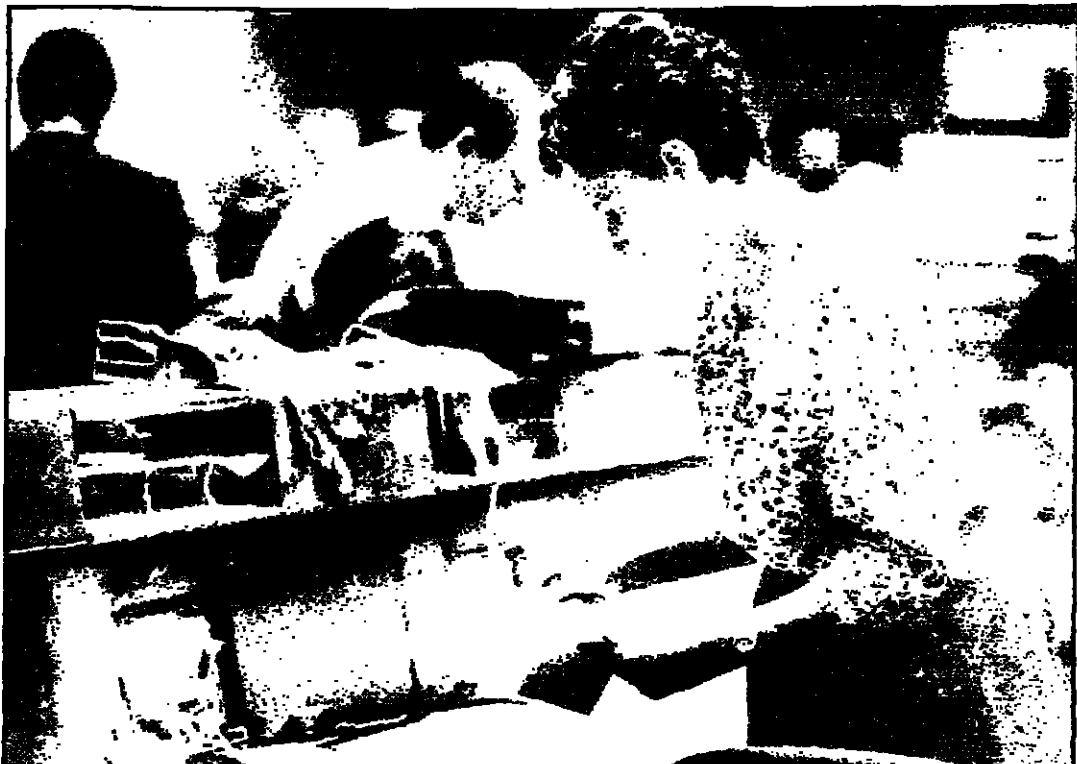
Last November, Saudi Arabia paid Texaco \$812 million for a 50 per cent stake in its refining assets and marketing system in 23 states.

The agreements gave the venture the right to buy up to 600,000 barrels per day (BPD) of Saudi crude oil at market prices.

"Texaco is willing to pay a higher price for the oil than the Japanese," said the Japanese refiner.

Saudi Arabia will in effect only supply 15,000 BPD less to Japan in May than in April so the impact of the cut on the market is more psychological than real, the traders said.

"But at this moment every refiner is eager to find an attractive cargo for May," said one Japanese refiner.



A worker at the Frankfurt bourse cleans her desk in front of molten computers after an arson attack on Wednesday. The police arrested three persons, but no motive for attack has been established. (Reuters wirephoto)

Energy File

Norway's oil output hits record high

OSLO, April 14, (Reuters): Norway's North Sea oil production hit a record high of 1.53 million barrels of oil a day in March, oil companies operating here said on Wednesday.

Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, set its previous record of 1.42 million barrels daily in January.

Output rose despite a 7.5 per cent curb in planned production growth which Norway has imposed voluntarily to support OPEC efforts to boost world oil prices.

Oil analysts said March production was still within the voluntary cutbacks.

Norway is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Increase

Oil Minister Arne Oeien has said the sharp increase in production in the first half of this year had been planned for some time.

The US benchmark crude, West Texas Intermediate, rose almost to \$21.50 a barrel right after the Valdez spill. It is still up around \$20.

That compares with \$12 in a glut last autumn before the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries introduced new output quotas for its 13 members.

Some traders say that a low volume for actual deals in spot market crude, particularly in Europe, suggests that demand may not be quite as vigorous as it looks.

They say prices are being led by volatile futures markets.

Futures eased on Wednesday on a report by the American Petroleum Institute that US stocks of crude oil rose last week by 451,000 barrels after predictions that they might drop by anything up to five million.

Oil sales

QUITO, April 14, (OPEC-NA): In a bid to cut freight and transportation costs, Venezuela and Ecuador are thinking of delivering crude to each other's customers in the Caribbean and the Atlantic, depending on who is closer.

Lendolfo Leon, head of a Venezuelan oil delegation which has been here for some days to advise on the security of oil installations, said Thursday that there was a possibility that the two national oil companies, PDVSA of Venezuela and CEPE of Ecuador, would exchange crudes and petroleum products.

He said Ecuador might acquire storage and refining facilities in Venezuela, perhaps at the Isla Curacao refinery which was on lease to the PDVSA.

Leon said Venezuelan technicians had carried out a general evaluation of the Anglo refinery in Ecuador and a report had been presented to the Ecuadorian Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Oil accord

TUNIS, April 14, (OPEC-NA): Libya and Tunisia yesterday signed an accord on offshore oil and gas drilling, among many others.

The accord provides for joint exploration and exploitation of oil and gas in a 3,000 sq. km zone in the Gulf of Gabes.

Under the accord, Libya will allocate 10 per cent of revenue from its offshore oilfield "El Bouri" for Libyan-Tunisian development projects.

Libya and Tunisia signed a total of eight agreements to further strengthen bilateral co-operation in a number of areas, including agriculture, social security, postal services and the establishment of joint ventures for audio-visual production.

The agreements were initiated by Abdel Salam Jalloud for Libya and his Tunisian counterpart Prime Minister Hedi Rachedi.

Co-operation looks up

Kuwait-Cairo oil ties praised

CAIRO, April 14, (Agencies): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa and two other Kuwaiti senior officials have affirmed that bilateral economic and oil co-operation between Cairo and Kuwait has been looking up lately.

This came in a last-page article in daily "Al-Wakef" entitled "Egypt in the eyes of Kuwait" and included interviews with Sheikh Ali, director-general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Bader Al Humaidhi and director-general of Kuwait Investment Authority Dr Fahd Al Rashid.

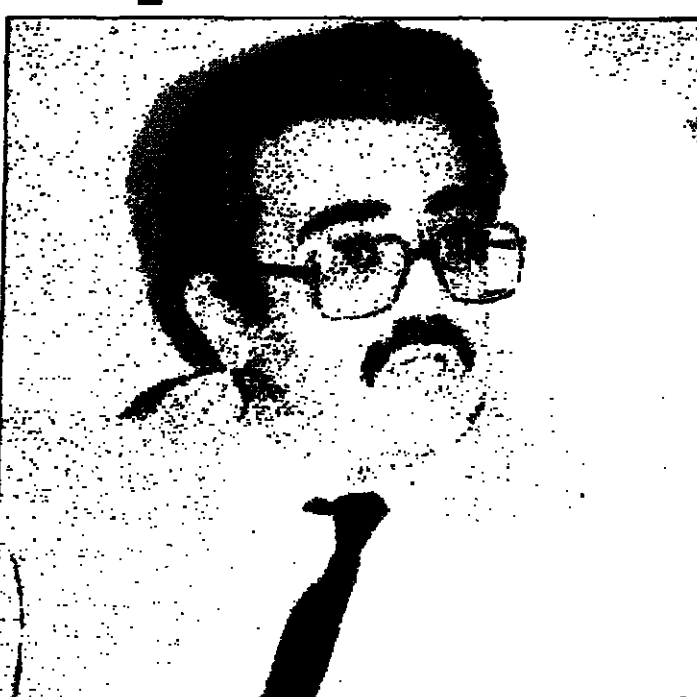
The oil minister said that Kuwait is currently conducting some oil prospecting in Egypt through Santa Fe and the Petroleum Explorations Company, affiliates of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, noting that KPC is also negotiating with foreign oil companies operating in Egypt to purchase some of their rights.

Sheikh Ali praised Kuwaiti-Egyptian oil co-operation, describing as "distinguished" the ties between Kuwait and the Egyptian oil sector.

Meanwhile, Dr Al Rashid said that Kuwaiti investments in Egypt are the biggest anywhere, amounting to \$1 billion, indicating that Kuwaiti capitals are involved in the fields of real estate, tourism and industry.

He also called on the Egyptian authorities to unify the government institutions, with which an Arab or foreign investor has to deal, instead of the current situation which involves seven ministries.

For his part, KFAED head said that the fund signed the first loan agreement with Egypt right after the resumption of relations in 1987, while the last was a KD10-million deal with the public pharmaceutical authority to upgrade medicine factories



Sheikh Ali

and provide the required spare parts.

Al Humaidhi disclosed this agreement is still mere ink on paper, although it has been 14 months since it was signed.

Aid

He denied that either KFAED or any other fund was influenced by calls of the International Monetary Fund to stop their aid to Egypt, pointing out that the fund has signed a KD35-million contract to build power station in Damietta.

While affirming that Egypt's debt problem must be solved within an international framework, Humaidhi stressed that Kuwait "respects its obligations toward Egypt despite the deficit in its budget."

Meanwhile, OPEC Secretary-General Subroto plans to meet with Texas' energy officials and discuss long-term oil price stability in Dallas on May 10-11, according to Southern Methodist University officials.

Subroto, an Indonesian scholar, will speak at a May 11 luncheon sponsored by the Institute for Study of Earth and Man at SMU. The luncheon is expected to attract up to 1,000 people for his address at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas.

Subroto also will meet with SMU officials and members of six energy and geological organisations that also are sponsoring his address. Two Houston oilmen, Roy Huffington, an SMU Alumnus, and Herb Goodman, who is affiliated with the institute, helped persuade Subroto to visit Texas.

"He has brought real leadership to OPEC and has worked tirelessly to develop a consensus on production," said Dennis O'Brien, a senior fellow with the institute who also helped coax Subroto to visit.

India 4th in Third World

Market capitalisation of scrips

NEW DELHI, April 14, (Agencies): India has the fourth highest market capitalisation of scrips among developing countries and the largest number of listed scrips, according to a review of emerging stock markets undertaken by the Washington-based International Finance Corporation.

The highest market capitalisation (as on September, 1988) is seen in Taiwan and China (together) at \$156,768 million and Brazil at \$30,211 million. India's capitalisation figure stood at \$22,001 million.

India's capitalisation figures have been taken only from scrips listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange. This figure would be higher if scrips on other stock exchanges were taken into account.

Malaysia is a close fifth with capitalisation at \$21,971 million followed well behind by Thailand at \$9,666 million, Portugal at \$6,637 million and Chile at \$6,606 million.

In terms of the number of scrips listed, India is way ahead of the rest at 2,210 scrips (as on September 1988) on the Bombay Stock Exchange. Brazil comes a poor second at 587 companies, followed by South Korea at 471 companies, Pakistan at 400 companies, Mexico at 251 companies, Chile at 199 companies, Argentina at 190 companies and Portugal at 169 companies.

Taiwan and China which had the highest market capitalisation had a mere 145 scrips listed on their stock exchanges.

The study shows that India has the four highest price earning ratio in the world (as of September, 1988), including developed countries. The ratio is as high as 51.9 for Japan, followed by Taiwan and China at 46.5 and South Korea at 36.8. India has a P/E ratio of 33.3. The US has a P/E ratio of 11.8, Germany 14.7

and U.K. 10.6.

India also has one of the highest price to book value ratios at 3.1. Taiwan and China has a ratio of 6.8 followed by Japan at 4.6, Thailand at 4.2, the US has a ratio of 1.8, Germany 1.8 and U.K. 1.8.

In terms of dividend yield, India is way down the list. The highest percentage comes from Zimbabwe at 9.1, followed by Chile at 8.7 per cent, Colombo at 6.5 per cent, the U.K. at five per cent, Germany and USA had yields of 3.7 per cent each. Japan notched a figure of 0.5 per cent, South Korea 0.7 per cent, India has a yield of 2.6 per cent.

Philippines had the largest percentage share in total market capitalisation of the top 10 actively traded shares, at 92 per cent. India's share was 69 per cent, that of Korea 43 per cent, Taiwan and China 66 per cent, Brazil 73 per cent and Malaysia 58 per cent.

Abe admits Recruit paid wife monthly

TOKYO, April 14, (Reuters): In another revelation in Japan's festering political scandal, former Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe admitted today that his wife had received monthly donations from the Recruit company for three years.

Abe's remarks followed a report in the Japanese newspaper Mainichi Shimbun that Mrs Abe had received about 9.3 million yen (\$70,000) between 1985 and 1988.

"Neither my wife nor I knew about this and I have left all my financial matters to my secretaries. After investigation, we found this was true and I regret my lack of knowledge," Abe told a news conference.

Abe indicated he was ready to speak on this and other contributions from the Recruit Group at a special parliamentary hearing. He currently serves

in the powerful post of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's secretary-general.

"To straighten political morale, I must speak out on how his money was received and what it was spent on," Abe said.

The scandal, involving payments of about 500 million yen (\$3.8 million) to politicians and officials by the Recruit Publishing and Telecommunications Group, has sent the ruling party's popularity skidding downwards.

Three cabinet ministers have resigned and 13 people have so far been arrested in connection with the case, postwar Japan's biggest political scandal.

After Abe's comments were reported, the opposition parties renewed their demands for Takeshita's resignation and elections.

Jordan, IMF to sign letter on economic reforms

AMMAN, April 14, (Reuters): Debt-ridden Jordan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will sign a letter of intent on economic reforms today, a source familiar with the negotiations said.

The source told Reuters the five-year plan aimed to reduce the budget deficit by 18 million dinars (\$33 million) and raise government revenues by 39 million dinars (\$72 million) a year from 1989 onwards.

Jordan's fiscal year corresponds with the calendar year.

The source, who declined to be identified, said the letter, fixed by the Central Bank at 540 fils to the dollar in early February, would stay unchanged.

Bankers said the letter of intent, after three weeks of talks with IMF officials in Amman, would help Jordan to reschedule a foreign debt officially estimated at \$6 billion.

Credit

It would also clear the way for an 18-month IMF standby credit of \$125 million and a World Bank loan of \$100 to 150 million, the source close to the talks said.

"Targets for budget cuts and revenue increases will become the pattern in the next four budgets," he said.

Under the plan, the government will have to adopt new fiscal, monetary and financial policies to boost investment, savings and hard currency earnings, the source said. It would also fix annual public borrowing ceilings.

The existing 1989 budget calls for total spending of 1,035 billion dinars (\$1.92 billion) and forecasts a deficit of 122.2 million dinars (\$226.3 million).

Western diplomats put Jordan's budget deficit in 1988 at 253 million dinars (\$675 million) at 1988 exchange rates against a forecast 68 million dinars (\$181 million).

In 1988 the Central Bank loaned the treasury 311 million dinars (\$833 million) at 1988 rates in direct advances and purchases of treasury bills and government bonds.

The Central Bank says Jordan must repay \$1.2 billion in interest and principal on its foreign debt this year, but the financial crisis has forced it to halt or delay some payments.

A Jordanian official has said the letter of intent, which must be confirmed by the IMF board in Washington, would allow Jordan to approach the Paris Club to reschedule its debts.

In the past nine months, the government has devalued the dinar, banned some luxury imports, floated interest rates, lifted industrial licensing controls and curbed public spending.

Routes

The deal — the largest single order for Airbus aircraft ever placed by a Far East carrier — follows a recent order from

After bomb attack

Frankfurt bourse recovers

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): A petrol bomb attack on the Frankfurt bourse on Wednesday disrupted early trading, but investors quickly dived back into the market and pushed a key West German share index to a record high.

"The mood was good before, but people were nervous about going too far, too fast," one trader said. "But after the bombs,

everybody wants to show that the Frankfurt bourse is alive and very healthy, bombs or no."

Firmer

European stocks were generally firmer after gains on Wall Street overnight while the dollar edged higher in thin business.

Police in Frankfurt said three people were arrested after Molotov cocktails were thrown into the bourse trading hall but

no motive had yet been established.

The bourse was evacuated while the fires were extinguished.

Share dealers said the 30-minute delay to the opening had made trading unusually hectic.

The real-time 30-share Dax index closed at a record high of 1,381.66, up 12.31 points from Tuesday's close. The index dates from January 1, 1988.

Tokyo shares ease

Dollar firm, gold retreats

LONDON, April 14, (AP): The US dollar firmed against European currencies today in quiet trading while the market awaited the release of two important economic indicators.

Gold prices retreated after gaining nearly a dollar in Hong Kong.

European traders reported this activity this morning as the market awaited release of data on the US trade deficit and producer prices.

Demand for the dollar remained strong, said Takamas Yamasaki, a trader for the Daiwa Bank in Tokyo.

"Although there are uncertainties over the political and economic situation here and abroad, investors are inclined to buy the dollar," he said.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late yesterday: 1.8780 West German marks, up from 1.8720; 6.3520 French francs, up from 6.3335; 2.1183 Dutch guilders, up from 2.1080; 1.3775 Italian lire, up from 1.3740; 1.1868 Canadian dollars, down from

1.1875.

In London, one British pound cost \$1.6945, compared to late yesterday's 1.7010.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$389.50 a troy ounce, up from \$388.75 bid late yesterday. At mid-morning the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$388.55.

In Zurich, the bid price at noon was \$388.50, down from \$389.15 bid late yesterday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose 92 cents to close at a bid \$388.46.

Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.87 a troy ounce, unchanged from yesterday.

The West German mark and share prices jumped yesterday after signs that Bonn's newly appointed Finance Minister Theo Waigel would modify a tax which has proven particularly unpopular with investors.

"If the withholding tax goes, it is going to give a massive boost to the mark against the dollar and especially on the crosses," said one currency trader in Frankfurt.

"Many people are short on marks and they are going to have to buy at whatever price they have to."

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced Waigel's appointment at a news conference yesterday morning. Waigel replaces Gerhard Stoltenberg who will take on the defence portfolio.

Waigel, leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU), a sister party to Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, had made his entry into the cabinet conditional on the withholding tax being changed. CSU sources have said.

Kohl said later in the news conference the government was rethinking the regulations applying to the tax which withholds at source 10 per cent of earnings on investment income.

The tax, which became effective on January 1, 1988, had caused an outflow of capital from the markets, dealers said. The mark traded around 1.8710 to the dollar around midday in London against a close on Wednesday of 1.8853.

Cathay in \$2b Airbus order

CATHAY Pacific has signed an agreement with Airbus Industrie to buy up to 20 A330-300 aircraft in a deal worth more than \$2 billion, continuing a flood of new orders for the European consortium of planemakers.

Cathay Pacific will place firm orders for 10 aircraft and take options on a further 10. Deliveries of the twin engine widebody aircraft will begin in January 1995.

The deal — the largest single order for Airbus aircraft ever placed by a Far East carrier — follows a recent order from

Trans World Airlines (TWA) for 40 A330 aircraft valued at over \$3.6 billion.

Cathay Pacific intends to use the new aircraft to replace Lockheed L-1011 TriStars on its regional routes operating from its base in Hong Kong.

After completing the signing, Cathay Pacific chairman David Gledhill said: "We have chosen the A330-300 because it combines operational economy with the most advanced technology and is the ideal aircraft to enable us to increase the frequency of our services."

The Cathay Pacific and TWA orders come at a time of increasing activity for

Airbus Industrie.

Last week, TAP-AIR of Portugal ordered two A340s with two options, while Japan Air Systems (JAS) has agreed to buy seven A300-600Rs.

The Portuguese airline will take delivery of the first of its Airbus A340s in 1992, while Airbus Industrie will begin deliveries of the first three aircraft to JAS in 1991 and the remaining four the following year.

To date, 17 customers have placed commitments for 266 of the A300 and A310, while total sales of the A300 and A310 now stand at 528 aircraft from 65 customers.

Longest trade ban issued against Swedish exporter

WASHINGTON, April 14, (AP): The Commerce Department on Thursday barred Swedish businessman Goren Josberg and three companies he owns from selling any US goods for 35 years, citing his role in shipping a missile-testing machine to the Soviet Union.

The ban is the longest denial of export privileges issued by the department since it began 40 years ago to control goods that can have military uses.

"Some members of this high-tech diversion ring posed as legitimate businessmen in Sweden, West Germany and Singapore to acquire US-origin technology for their carefully planned scheme to supply highly sought after, militarily useful items to East bloc countries," said Undersecretary of Commerce Paul Freedenberg in a statement.

The Swedish companies banned are Globe Trade, Globe Computers and Globe Metals.

The announcement said that among the goods was a WAS-3000 airstream modulator, which tests missiles to see if they withstand the vibrations of flight.

A 10-year ban also was issued against Helmut Keck and his firm, OTC MESS-und Videoteknik, GMBH of Hamburg, West Germany.

Order

The statement said that from 1983 to 1985 Josberg shipped US equipment to Finland and the Soviet Union through phony corporations set up by Keck in West Germany. US government offices in Europe helped place together the case, it said.

The order bans Josberg, Keck and their firms from taking part in any export of US goods. It also bars other companies from dealing with them in any transaction involving US goods, unless they get permission in advance from the Commerce Department.

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NAME	LAST	NAME	LAST
ABBAY LFE	308/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
ADT LTD	157.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
ALD LYONS	433.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
AMSTRAD	147.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
ARGYLL GP	183.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
ASDA GP	149.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BAA	345.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BTR	352.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BAT INDS	533.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BARCLAYS	433.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BASS	88/00	ADMIRAL	220.0
BEAZER	88.00	ADMIRAL	220.0
BEECHAM	613/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BERKSFORD	153.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BICC PLC	484/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BLUE ARW	91.00	ADMIRAL	220.0
BLUE CIRC	530/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
SOC GP	482/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
SOOTS CO	259.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BPB INDS	240.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BR COMM	203.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BR AIRWAY	197/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BR AEROSP	565.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BR GRASOP	174/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BR LAND	359/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
B.P.	271.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
B.P. PP	164.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
B.P. STEEL	81/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
BURMAN OL	540/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
SURTON	203/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
CABLENEWS	480/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
CABURYS	338/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
CALOR GRP	380.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
CPLIN COM	833/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
CRTN R T	833.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
COCKSONS	289.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
COURTAULD	291.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
DALGETY	348.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
DINOWS	149/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
ENG CHINA	509.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
ENTER OIL	523/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
FKT BARCF	167.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
FERRANTI	103.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
FISCONS	292/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GATEWAY	178/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GEN ACCID	968.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GEN ELEC	231/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GLAXO	377/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GRANADA	368/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GLOBE	164.5	ADMIRAL	220.0
GLYNED	304/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GUARD RYL	198.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GWL	355/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
GUINNESS	445/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
HANSON	771.0	ADMIRAL	220.0
HARRISON	121/4	ADMIRAL	220.0
HAWKER SID	627/0	ADMIRAL	220.0
HILLSDOWN	255.0	ADMIRAL	220.0

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NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
A.B.ELECT	389.0	385.0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
APV PLC	381/0	380/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AARNSON	112/0	111/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AAH HLD	386/0	386/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AAH KENT	100/0	100/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ADDISON	43/4	43/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ADVEST	166/0	165/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALEX WUKV	191/0	190/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALEXON	378/0	378/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALD TR B	311/0	312/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALLIANCE	966/0	967/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALL COLL	141/0	141/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALL LON	144/0	143/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ALL PART	74/0	74/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AMBER DAY	50/0	50/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AMEC	423/0	418/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ANER TST	131/4	131/4	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ANERSHAM	506/0	504/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ANI HLTC	359/0	359/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ANGLO TV	253/0	254/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ANGLO SC	398/0	400/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ANSBACHER	77/0	77/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
ASHLEY LA	107/0	106/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AUST REED	392/0	390/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AUS REE A	243/0	242/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AUTO SECS	290/0	290/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AVESCO	145/0	145/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AVIS EUR	372/0	373/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
A.S.V.HLD	264/0	264/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AVDEL PLC	99/0	98/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
AVON RUBB	607/0	608/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BARDON GP	170/0	170/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BBA GROUP	183/0	184/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BANK IRE	340/0	306/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BSE INTL	75/0	75/4	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BAILL JAP	519/0	521/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BAILL SHI	93/0	93/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BAIRD (W)	240/0	239/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BANKER IT	86/4	87/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BF OF SCO	95/0	95/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BUDGENS	118/4	119/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BARRY DEV	187/0	185/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
B.MEMILL	242/0	241/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BAYNES C.	34/0	34/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BEATTIE J	160/0	161/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BEAR BRND	11/0	11/2	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BELHAVEN	48/0	48/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BELLWAY	223/0	223/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BENROSE	240/0	240/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BENLON HD	66/0	66/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BNETT +F	91/0	91/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BERKELEY	233/0	232/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BHR GROUP	131/0	131/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BLCK LE 2	12/2	11/6	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BOASE HAS	309.0	307.0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BM GROUP	446/0	448/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BODDINGTH	163/0	163/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BORTHWICK	377/0	380/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BORTHWICK	490/0	488/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BODY SHOP	430/0	430/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BOOT HENR	463/0	463/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0
BRENT CHE	149/0	149/0	ADMIRAL	220.0	220.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1675.2	1669.9	1674.0	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1154.7	1154.7	1157.2	1008.8
FT ALL SHP	1049.82	1049.82	1051.87	926.59
FT GOV SEC	85.84	85.84	85.92	87.30
FT GOLD MN	189.2	189.2	187.1	161.9
FT MINES F	656.31	656.31	656.04	565.31
FT OIL	1907.2	1907.2	1931.8	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	142.68	142.68	142.89	139.21
FT MLD STG	124.65	125.35	125.35	115.30
FT MLD LOC	130.69	131.33	131.26	123.40

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UK STOCKS SHOW LITTLE REACTION TO INFLATION DATA
LONDON, APRIL 14, REUTER - EQUITIES SHOWED LITTLE REACTION TO NEWS THAT U.K. INFLATION SHOWED A MUCH AS EXPECTED ANNUAL INCREASE OF 7.9 PCT IN MARCH, BUT SOME PRICES WERE HIGHER ON RELIEF THAT 13 PCT BASE RATES LOOK SAFE FOR THE TIME BEING.
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U.S. INFLATION AND TRADE DEFICIT FIGURES ARE DUE FOR RELEASE AT 1230 GMT, ONE HOUR BEFORE THE WALL STREET OPENING.
BY 1047 GMT THE FTSE 100 HAD REACHED A PEAK OF 1,034.1, 5.4 POINTS UP ON LAST NIGHT'S CLOSE.
STERLING MONEY MARKET RATES EASED SLIGHTLY AFTER THE INFLATION NEWS AND THE POUND HELD STEADY AT ITS EARLIER FIRMER LEVELS.
TRADERS SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THIS AFTERNOON'S U.S. FIGURES IS THE MARCH PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, USED AS AN INFLATION INDICATOR, WHICH IS FORECAST BY EUROPEAN ECONOMISTS TO SHOW A RISE OF 0.5 PCT AFTER A FULL ONE POINT INCREASE IN FEBRUARY.
THE TRADE NUMBER IS FOR A MONTH EARLIER AND IS FORECAST TO SHOW A GAP OF AROUND 10 BILLION DLS AGAINST A 9.5 BILLION DLS SHORTFALL IN JANUARY. U.S. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR MARCH IS ALSO DUE LATER IN THE DAY, DEALERS NOTED.

Precious Metals

LONDON, APRIL 14, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADING WAS QUIET THIS MORNING BUT PALLADIUM WAS SET AT ITS HIGHEST SINCE NOVEMBER 1988. GOLD WAS FIXED AT 388.55 DLS AN OUNCE, LITTLE CHANGED FROM THURSDAY'S CLOSE OF 388.50/389.00 BUT DOWN FROM ITS OPENING OF 389.30/389.90.
GOLD DEALERS SAID CONDITIONS WERE QUIET AS POSITIONS WERE ADJUSTED AHEAD OF TODAY'S U.S. TRADE AND INFLATION DATA DUE AT 1230 GMT. PALLADIUM WAS FIXED THIS MORNING AT 170.60 DLS AN OUNCE COMPARED WITH THURSDAY'S AFTERNOON FIX OF 177.50 DLS. SUPPORT REFLECTED CONTINUING INTEREST IN NUCLEAR FUSION EXPERIMENTS USING THE METAL.

London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 14, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES EASED AROUND 1/10 POINT AGAINST OPENING LEVELS AFTER NEWS THAT THE U.K. RETAIL PRICE INDEX (RPI) FOR MARCH WAS SLIGHTLY BELOW MARKET EXPECTATIONS, DEALERS SAID.
THE RPI ROSE 0.4 PCT IN MARCH GIVING AN ANNUAL RATE OF 7.9 PCT, COMPARED TO EXPECTATIONS OF A 0.5 PCT INCREASE. DEALERS SAID THE NUMBER TOOK THE PRESSURE OFF ANY IMMEDIATE RISE IN BASE RATES.
"THE NUMBER WAS BETTER THAN EXPECTED AND HAS BEEN TAKEN WELL BY THE MARKET," ONE DEALER SAID. "WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET, WE'VE STILL GOT U.S. DATA THIS AFTERNOON TO CONTEND WITH."

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.6977/84	1.8705/10	6.3325/45		
1.6933/43	3.171/185	10.7520/7620		NOON
1.8675/8755	3.171/185	29.46/62		NOON
3.3305/3425	10.746/764	338.17/81		FIX
1.6570/6580	2.8136/8169	88.56/66		NOON
1.1130	3.5860	112.88		FIX
1.11096	.654471	2.07917		CLSE
1.29415	.765407	2.43986		CLSE
132.50/60	224.94/225.25			NOON
SDR RATE	12/04/1989	OTHERS	13/04/1989	

BREIT UKR	353/0	352/0	GPB	42/0	41/0	PICKLOCK	218/0	217/0
BRIDON	192/0	192/0	GRUP TV A	64/0	65/0	POWELL DU	377/0	378/0
BRITANNIC	381/0	380/0	GRANPH ND	335/0	335/0	PRESTWICH	108/0	108/0
BRITANNIC SE	206/0	206/0	GT PRTLND	374/0	374/0	PIRIST (B)	22/0	22/0
BR ASSETS	77/0	77/0	GUS ORD	563/0	550/0	PIRIST HA	425/0	425/0
BR ARROW	113/0	115/0	GREENLL W	293/0	294/0	PROFSECUR	191/0	191/0
BR DREDGI	161/0	161/0	HALMA	210/0	210/0	PROUDFOOT	275/0	275/0
BRN & JAC	37/4	38/0	HMBRO CTY	47/0	47/0	PROV FINL	319/0	320/0
BR VITA	246/0	246/0	HMBRO 20P	229/0	229/0	RAINE IND	100/0	99/0
BRITTON E	370/0	370/0	HAMBROS I	295.0	294.0	U-RINDSMTH	271/0	271/0
U-BRD ST	39/0	39/0	HAMMERSON	864/0	863/0	RANSONES	454/0	453/0
U-BROADVUL	191/0	191/0	HAYTHN LE	59/0	59/0	RATNERS	212/0	212/0
BROWN SHI	347/0	347/0	HEATH(CE)	443/0	444/0	RENTOKIL	294/0	293/0
BRYANT GP	114/0	114/0	HELENE PL	32/4	32/4	ROBINSON	486/0	486/0
BULLOUGH	178/0	179/0	HELICAL B	320/0	318/0	ROCKFORD	96/0	95/0
BULKER HP	168/0	168/0	HESTAR	249/0	248/0	ROCKWARE	63/0	64/0
CRH	174/0	175/0	HEYWORTH	271/0	270/0	ROTOSCHLD	180/0	181/0
CAIRD GRP	415/0	415/0	HEYWOOD V	295/0	295/0	ROTORG	156/0	156/0
CALENDONIA	370/0	370/0	HICKS IN	229/0	228/0	RUGBY GRP	156/0	155/0
CAMB ELEC	225/0	225/0	HIGGS KIL	393/0	392/0	RUTLAND T	48/0	48/0
CANFOR E	270/0	271/0	H-LIND DIS	190/0	191/0	ST.ANDREW	209/4	210/0
CANNING W	242/0	242/0	H-MND PT	258/0	258/0	ST.MOOWEN	38/0	38/0
CANNON ST	266/0	266/0	HOLMES PR	105/0	104/0	SAG INT	112/0	112/0
CAR.RADIO	693/0	695/0	HOLDEN GP	153/0	153/0	SACI GRP	288/0	288/0
CARADON	370/0	370/0	U-HUGHES	44/0	45/0	SALVESEN	139/4	140/0
CARLCO EN	158/0	158/0	H-MHGH HT	159/0	158/0	SALE TLWY	270/0	270/0
CATTLE HD	72/0	72/0	HMT SPHR	135/0	135/0	SAVON B	863/0	863/0
CAULDON	13/4	14/0	ICE.FZ.FD	340/0	340/0	SAVOY "A"	277/0	277/0
CENTL ITV	727/0	731/0	IMRY H.DV	429/0	429/0	SCHR. GLOB	270/0	270/0
CENTRY OIL	168/0	168/0	INCOBIT V	14/0	14/0	SCOT.AM.I.	102/0	102/0
CHAM PHMR	220.0	218.0	INCO PLC	33/4	33/4	SCOT MERI	177/0	178/0
CHARTERHA	22/6	22/4	INT.BU.CH	138/0	139/0	SCOT I.T.	144/0	144/0
CHLORIDE	55/0	56/0	INT.CITY	51/0	51/0	SCOT MET	162/0	161/0
CHRISTIES	881/0	878/0	U-ISRAEL	22/0	22/0	SCOT MORT.	120/0	120/0
CHAS CHUR	114.0	115.0	JINNS&FIR	55/4	56/0	SCOT NAT C	42/0	41/0
U-CITYVSN	311/0	312/0	JOHNS HLGES	164/0	166/0	SCOT NAT I	97/0	97/0
CLAYTON	310/0	310/0	KALAMAZOO	35/4	35/0	SCOT NAT W	12/0	12/0
COATES BR	67/4	67/4	KALAMAZOO	38/4	38/4	2ND ALLCE	855/0	854/0
COLOROLL	155/0	155/0	KELT ENGY	55/0	56/0	SECS STY	118/0	118/0
COMPAS GR	340/0	338/0	KETSON	31/0	31/0	SECT CTR	321/0	321/0
CONNELLS	215/0	215/0	KLART CHR	140/4	140/0	SENG GRP	321/0	322/0
COOPER F	168/0	168/0	KLART O'S	143/0	144/0	SHANDWICK	528/0	533/0
COURTS FR	186/0	186/0	KLART SML	177/0	177/0	SHERATON S	85/0	84/0
CT GROUP	47/0	47/0	KLWK-FIT	108/0	108/0	SHIRE INV	265/0	265/0
CTRY PROP	270/0	270/0	KLWK SAVE	263/0	263/0	SIMON ENG	383/0	383/0
COSTAIN	317/0	314/0	LAING OR	354/0	353/0	SINGER&R	69/0	70/0
COMIE (T)	112/0	112/0	LAING 'A'	353/0	353/0	600 GROUP	119/0	119/0
CRODA INT	198/0	198/0	LAING PRP	490/0	490/0	SMITH D	297/0	300/0
CRYSTALAT	144/0	144/0	LAURANCE W	140/0	140/0	U-STK BUS	470/0	470/0
DARLES EST	30/6	30/4	LEX GROUP	170/0	171/0	STREND PR	219/4	220/0
DAVIS GD	176/0	175/0	LEX SERVC	366/0	366/0	SOUND DIF	223/0	223/0
DAVY CORP	230/0	230/0	LIFE SCIE	71/0	72/0	SPRING RAM	26/0	26/0
DAMSON GP	187/0	187/0	LILLEY FJ	60/4	60/4	SPRAX-SARC	236/0	236/0
DENBRO	310/0	310/0	LYOYD THP	218/0	218/0	STAKIS	101/0	101/0
DELTA GRP	310/0	311/0	LOCAL LND	54/4	54/5/0	STNETPSE	22/0	22/0
DEVENISH	311/0	308/0	LOGICA	364/0	363/0	STRETLEY	416/0	411/0
U-DEWEY W	116/0	116/0	LOGICA	364/0	363/0	STOGLUAR	19/0	1/0
DEMHIRST	44/0	44/0	LDN ATLAN	306/0	306/0	STODARD	49/0	4/0
DRG	433/0	431/0	LDN BEMED	135/0	136/0	STURGE HD	240/0	240/0
DIPLOMA	231/0	232/0	LDN FRF	124/0	123/0	TELEMETRY	43/0	4/0
DOBSON PK	94/4	94/4	LDN INTL	213/0	212/0	U-T.V.AM	201/0	201/0
DOWDINGEM	73/0	74/0	LDN MET	176/0	177/0	TV SN HLD	77/0	7/0
DOWTY GRP	251/0	250/0	LDN UTD	125/0	125/0	TVS ENTER	318/0	311/0
DRAYTON C	521/0	521/0	LOVELL HD	271/0	271/0	T.E.P. EU	236/0	23/0
DRAYTON F	382/0	381/0	LOWBOMBER	237/0	238/0	THAMES TV	437/0	43/0
DUKEMISTR	77/0	77/0	LOW (AM)	288/0	285/0	THORNTONS	143/0	14/0
DUNDEE LD	324/0	324/0	M.C.PACIF	216/0	216/0	THROGHTIN	434/0	43/0
DUNHILL	261/0	260/0	M&G GROUP	305/0	304/0	TIE RACK	74/0	7/0
U-DURHAM	56/0	56/0	ML HLDGSS	124/0	125/0	TI GROUP	428/0	423/0
EAGLE TST	17/0	17/0	MACARTHY	261/0	262/0	TIME PROD	230/0	23/0
EDIN I.T.	180/0	180/0	MACFARLNEE	212/0	213/0	TIPKOOK	503/0	50/0
EDMOND HD	43/0	43/0	MAI	85.0	84.0	TOBKINS F	228/0	22/0
ELECTRA	264/4	265/0	MAJEDIE	241/0	241/0	TOOTAL	131/0	130/0
ELECTROCHM	196/0	196/0	MANDERS	220/0	220/0	TOZER K&M	119/0	120/0
ENAP	232/0	233/0	MARLEY	160/0	160/0	TR CITY	86/4	8/0
EMPIRE ST	191/0	191/0	MATTHEWS	65/0	65/0	TR PACIFIC	77/4	7/0
ENG.INT.J	296/0	296/0	MAUNDERS	112/0	113/0	TR PROPTY	58/0	5/0
ETAM	150/0	150/0	MCKECHNIE	320/0	320/0	TR TRSTEE	142/0	141/0
EUROTHERM	321/0	320/0	MENZIES	346/0	345/0	TRSPRD TV	248/0	248/0
EURO.HOME	237/0	237/0	MENZIES	333/0	332/0	U-TRNWOOD	34/4	3/0
EURLINT U	808/0	808/0	MERCH. TST	173/4	173/0	U-TRNWD W	13/0	13/0
EURTNL W	68/4	68/0	MERLIN IN	108/0	108/0	TRIMCOO	44/4	4/0
EVODE GRP	186/0	183/0	U-HRRYDUN	330/0	330/0	TRIPLEX	173/0	17/0
EXLAUR	39/4	40/0	METALCLX	188/0	188/0	TRITON ER	154/0	151/0
EXPANET	188/0	188/0	MEYER INY	428/0	427/0	UK PAPER	211/0	210/0
EX.CO.LD	135/0	135/0	U-MICROVT	41/0	41/0	UNION DTI	485/0	48/0
F&C ENTER	32/4	32/4	MIDSUMNER	225/0	225/0	UNITC	329/0	32/0
F&C EUROT	276/0	275/0	U-MOLINAR	28/0	28/6	UNITECH	203/0	203/0
F&C ENLLR	76/0	76/0	MOLINS OR	225/0	225/0	UTD..INDUS	65/0	6/0
F&C PACIF	165/0	166/0	MOMKS IT	252/0	251/0	UTD.SCIEN	181/0	181/0
F&C SWELL	150/0	150/0	MORGANT	24/0	24/0	VALUE&INC	64/0	6/0
F&C FARNELL	150/0	150/0	MORLAND	720/0	725/0	VAUX GRP	279/0	278/0
F&C.HOUSN	215/0	215/0	MKT CHLT	174/0	173/0	VERSON	27/4	2/0
F&C.FENNER	176/0	176/0	MKTLEIG	160/0	160/0	VG INSTHT	277/0	278/0
F&C.FERGUSON	266/0	266/0	MOWLEN J	424/0	423/0	VICKERS	176/0	174/0
U-FERRARI	12/0	12/0	MS INTL	139/0	140/0	VPI GROUP	161/0	160/0
FINE ARTS	215/0	215/0	MRY INCM	205/0	204/4	WADDINGTON	198/0	198/0
FINLAN GP	82/0	81/0	MRY INTL	205/4	205/0	WAGON HDL	360/0	358/0
FIN1ST CHARL	12/4	12/4	NAT.TELCH	125/0	125/0	WARD HLD	122/0	122/0
FKB GROUP	298/0	295/0	NEWARTHIL	010/0	000/0	WATERS D	76/0	76/0
FLMG AMER	128/0	128/0	NORCROS	315/0	315/0	WATTS CTS	189/4	191/0
FLMG F.E	230/4	231/0	NORTHAMBR	288/0	288/0	WATTS B&B	351/0	350/0
FLMG JAPN	244/0	243/0	NORFOLK C	38/2	38/0	W&S GRP	234/0	233/0
FLMG MERC	201/2	201/4	NORMANS	58/0	58/0	WEIR GRP	290/0	290/0
FLMG TECH	175/0	175/0	A.AMER TST	422/0	420/0	WEMBLEY	121/0	121/0
FLMG INIV	170/0	170/0	N.BRIT AIA	415/0	415/0	WESTBURY	235/0	235/0
FINLAY J	108/0	109/0	N.H.G. LMD	128/0	128/0	W&S.HORR	143/0	144/0
1ST LEISER	180/0	185/0	N.H.S. SE&AG	44/0	44/0	WHEWY	113/0	114/0
1ST SAT	450/0	450/0	OWNERS AS	81/0	81/0	WHITECROF	304/0	305/0
1ST SCOT	262/0	262/0	OXFORD INS	211/0	210/0	U-WMS LEI	39/0	39/0
FR & COL	130/0	130/0	P & O MTS	97/0	97/0	WILSON BOV	250/0	251/0
U-FRD SEL	103/0	103/0	P & P PLC	223/0	223/0	WILSON CON	177/0	176/0
FROCHROE	497/0	496/0	PACIFIC A	210/0	210/0	WOLSELEY	278/0	279/0
U-FLOYD E	20/0	19/0	PAGE (M)	50/0	50/0	WOLVBOUD	434/0	433/0
FRNDLY HD	285/0	285/0	U-PAVION	5/0	5/0	WPP GRP	668/0	670/0
GALLIFORD	97/0	98/0	PENTOS PLC	102/0	102/0	U-WYKO GP	82/0	83/0
GARDINER	58/0	59/0	PERGAMON	67/0	66/0	Y&E&WALQ	323/0	322/0
GEEST	269/0	268/0	PERRY GRP	229/0	228/0	YALE&CO	173/0	173/0
GER INTL	123/0	124/0	PERSHINM	165/0	166/0	YORK CHEM	350/0	350/0
GEORGENAT	268/0	270/0	PHOXINIX	80/0	80/0	U-BORLAND	83/0	83/0
GESTETNER	264/0	264/0						
GODDE DUR	128/0	129/0						
GVTT ORTE	374/0	373/0						
GUTT STRA	252/4	253/0						

International Bond Highlights

COLOGNE: No one is planning to abolish the West German withholding tax, Otto Graf Lambsdorff, chairman of the Free Democratic Party, said in an interview. Lambsdorff said during negotiations about a cabinet reshuffle no one agreed to abolish the tax (XLFH 0532).

Frankfurt: German bond prices soared on Thursday on prospects Bonn may abolish its popular 10 pct withholding tax on interest income (XKZV 1859).

Washington: Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. agreed Thursday to settle wide-ranging securities fraud charges brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission, instituting sweeping changes in a way it operates and polices itself. (XLFH 0311)

Tokyo: Trading of yen public and corporate bonds by Japanese and foreign investors dropped to 2,016.35 trillion yen in the year ended March 31, 1989 from 2,655.26 trillion the previous year, the Japan Securities Dealers' Association said in a report. (XLFH 0538)

Buenos Aires: Argentine Economy Minister Juan Carlos Pugliese announced the abolition of the two-tier foreign exchange system and said all transactions would be conducted at the free market rate as of Monday. (XLFH 0028)

Washington: The World Bank said its International Development Association affiliate will lend Bangladesh 200 mln dls interest-free for 40 years to boost its energy sector and expand its export base. (XLCZ 2021)

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	91	90.50	92	MUK IRON	104	105
322	320	330	GNFC	43.56	42.50	44	NAT INDEX	387.75	379.55
ALLEN CHEN	---	---	GRASIM	118.50	118.50	121	NIPPON	45.50	43
ALW MIS	---	---	GSFC	147.50	147.50	151.25	NOCIL	830	840
ARI FAR	---	---	GUJ ALK	67	65.50	66.50	OKAY	25.75	25
ASHOK LEY	77	76	GUJ HEAVY	12.50	11.50	13	OSMAL AGRO	83	82.50
ASTA PAINT	208.75	207.50	HERO HONDA	28	28	29.50	PEICO	24.50	25.50
ATLAS COP	48	48	HIND CIBA	955	960	965	PFIZER	74	72
AUTO CORP	82	80	HIND COCOA	115	113.75	115	PONDS	197.50	195
BAJAJ AUTO	427.50	425	HIND LEVER	82.50	81	82	PREN AUTO	55	55
BAR RAYON	427.50	425	HIND MOTOR	47.25	46.25	46.50	RANBAXY	115	105
BE BOND	148	145	HINDALCO	262.50	260	265	RAY WOOL	78.50	77
BELM PLAST	---	---	HOECHST	865	850	860	RECKITT	177.50	175
BOM DYE	137.50	139	IND ORG	39	39	41	RELANCE	146	145
BSE INDEX	753.98	754.77	IND RAYON	90.50	90	92	SESA GDA	47	46.50
BURR WEL	210	202.50	INDRILL	317.50	316.25	326.25	SHRI FIB	80	78
CANSHARE	170	170	INDRISOLL	375	375	380	SIEMENS	79	78
CEN ENKA	2650	2625	ITC	70	69	70	SKF	2760	2820
CEN SPG	1830	1820	KJ SYN	79	79	80.50	SPIC	65	65
COLGATE	350	350	KIM ENGG	187.50	185	182.50	ST MILLS	250	260
CROMPT GR	850	825	KIR CLUM	77.50	77.50	76.25	TATA CHEM	119	118
DCM	14.50	13	L KSB PUMPS	360	355	362.50	TATA OIL	71.25	71.25
DEEP FERT	32	31.50	L AND T	102.50	101	103	TATA POW	330	332.50
DUNLOP	92.50	87.50	LIPTON	77	76	76	TELCO	805	805
EI HOTELS	53	52	MAD RUSSEL	92	94	96	THAPP AGRO	---	---
ESCORTS	64	62.50	MAD COATS	95	95	97	TISCO	1282	1278
ESKAYEF	146.25	145	MAHINDRA	100	99	103.50	VAN ORG	166	164
ESSAR SPG	24.50	24.50	MAS SHARE	16.50	16.50	16.50	VARELI	28.75	28.75
FOOD SPL	191.25	188	MICO	645	645	640	VOLTAS	700	680
FORBES	55	54	MILKFOOD	275	265	265	VIMCO	28	26.50
GAR POLY	76.25	75	MOLCO	102.50	100	106.25	ZENITH	65.50	65
GE SHIPPING	43.50	43	MRF LTD	415	405	415	ZUARI AGRO	62.50	62.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AEG	223.5	215.5
ALLIANZ VR	1838.0	1842.0
BADENWERK	190.2	189.0
BASF	301.5	303.1
BAYER	304.2	306.9
BAYER HYP	385.0	381.0
BAYER VER	400.0	401.0
BBC	447.5	446.5
BHF	480.0	485.0
BHM	524.0	527.0
COMMERZBK	251.5	252.0
CONTI GUM	263.0	265.0
DATHE BEN	702.5	709.0
DEUTSC BANK	548.0	549.0
DLW	510.0	508.0
DRESNER B	332.0	333.0
FAZ INDEX	0	585.28
FELDMUEHL	342.0	345.2
GOLDSCHEID	408.0	410.0
HARPENET	437.0	436.0
HOECHST AG	304.8	306.2
HOECHST	245.0	248.5
HORTEN	236.0	236.0
HUSSEL HLD	534.0	539.8
KALLI SALZ	210.5	212.0
KARSTADT	470.0	474.5
KAUFOF	460.0	456.0
KLOCK H	174.5	174.0
KLOCK W	169.0	173.0
LINDE	743.0	775.0
LUFTHANSA	167.5	169.5
MAN	275.0	275.0
MANHESMAN	232.4	235.5
MERCEDES	547.0	550.0
METALLGES	435.0	442.0
NORDORF P	315.0	305.0
NIKKO HY	47.50	48.00
PHILIP KOM	715.0	711.0
PORSCHE	693.0	693.0
PREUSSAG	274.0	275.0
PWA	305.5	305.0
RHEINMETAL	463.0	469.0
RWE	268.0	267.7
RHE P	238.0	237.0
SALAMANDER	319.0	320.0
SCHERING	625.0	628.5
SEL	327.5	327.0
SIEMENS	537.5	540.0
THYSEN	232.5	233.5
VARTA	365.0	360.0
VEBA	299.0	300.0
VEU	169.5	169.5
VOLKSWAGEN	355.5	356.8

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
BANK EA	16.20	16.30
CATHAY	9.30	9.30
CAVENDISH	372	370
CELENG K	10.50	10.40
CHINA L-P	14.20	14.20
DATRY FARM	725	720
DAIYCO IND	3.07	3.05
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	82.71	79.15
HAECO	18	18
HANG LUNG	6.30	6.15
HENDERSON	6.50	6.40
HK BANK	6.50	6.40
HK ELEC	8.15	8.10
HK GAS	19.70	19.80
HK LAND	11.30	11.30
HK TELECOM	5.25	5.30
HK-S HOTEL	6.05	6.05
HOPEWELL	3.30	3.27
HS BANK	25.70	25.70
HUTCHINSON	11.10	11.00
HYSAH DEV	1.57	1.55
JAR NATH	20.70	20.40
JSH	13.20	13.10
KH BUS	8.95	9.00
LAI SUN	170	171
MANDARIN O	0	0
MIRAMAR	9.05	9.05
NEW WORLD	14.30	14.20
PAUL Y CON	1.55	1.52
SHR PROP	14.40	14.30
STELLUX	3.20	3.17
SHIRE A	20.90	20.90
TAI CHEUNG	5.50	5.35
TV-B	1.27	1.27
UNIBF	11.20	11.00
WINDOR	10.80	10.80
WORLD INTL	4.95	4.97

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AJINOMOTO	2690	2700
AKAI ELEC	730	720
AKAI	1460	1440
ASAHI GLS	2440	2430
ASAHI OPT	910	920
BANK TOKYO	1650	1670
BRIDGESTON	1500	1500
CANON	1700	1690
CASIO CORP	1400	1390
CHUGAI PHM	1530	1560
CITIZEN W	1000	1020
D-ICHI KAN	3320	3320
DAI NIP IK	891	895
DAI NIP PT	2290	2250
DAI NIP SC	1090	1040
DAI NIP TO	946	945
DAICEL	1110	1100
DAIWA N	2010	2010
DAIWA SEC	2300	2310
EBARA MFG	2050	2060
ETSAI	1950	1950
FUJITSU	1470	1460
FUJITSU BANK	3480	3430
FUJITSU PHOTO	3380	3470
FUJITSU MFG	1670	1660
FUJITSU CP	2220	2200
HITACHI	1550	1550
HONDA MOT	1890	1890
ISBTAN	2280	2290
ITO YOKADO	3530	3520
JAP SYN RY	1320	1350
JAPAN AIR	16000	16000
JAPAN NET	1150	1090
KAJIMA	2640	2640
KANSAI EL	4430	4410
KAO SOAP	1620	1620
KAWASAKI H	1050	1060
KAWASAKI S	925	915
KIRIN BREW	1920	1940
KUBOTA LTD	1270	1260
KYOCERA	4700	4800
MAKITA EL	1660	1650
MARUI	2610	2590
MATSUBA EI	2430	2400
MATSUBA EL	0	2660
NETJI SEIK	1060	1020
HITSUB CP	1550	1570
HITSUB EL	1150	1160
HITSUB EST	2530	2560
HITSUB HYV	1100	1110
HITSUB CO	1170	1170
HITSUKOSHI	2320	2330
HITSUMI EL	980	995
HITACHI	1800	1760
NIKON CHMT	1190	1150
NIKKO SEC	1790	1790
NIP ELEC	1830	1820
NIP KOKKAN	912	900
NIP OIL	1680	1700
NIP STEEL	950	908
NIP YUSEN	1020	1000
NIS MOTOR	1020	1020
NUMURA SEC	3350	3320
ONDA CO	1060	1090
OLYMPIA	1240	1230
PENTA OCN	1540	1550
PIONEER	3150	3150
RENOVA	1000	1000
RIGOR	1240	1240
SANKYO	2470	2500
SAIYU ELEC	930	930
SEIYU ST	2140	2080
SEKISUI PB	1770	1770
SHARP	1300	1320
SHISEIDO	1710	1700
SONY	6800	6750
SUMITOMO	1420	1440
TAKEDA CH	1830	1810
TAISHO MRH	1290	1270
TAKEDA CH	2340	2340
TEIJIN	872	879
TKO NEW IX	457.42	455.21
TOKYO HRI	2040	2050
TOKYO ELEC	1260	1260
TOKYO GAS	1110	1120
TOKYO POMR	5980	5960
TORAY IND	1260	1240
TOSHIBA EL	2090	2090
TOTO	952	951
TOYOTA KOCY	2500	2520
YAMADA	1470	1380
YAMAICHI	1770	1790
YAMAMOTO	3350	3410
YAMAZAKI	1380	1390

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO'S NIKKEI INDEX ENDS HIGHER IN THIN TRADE

TOKYO, APRIL 14, REUTER - THE KEY NIKKEI INDEX FLUCTUATED THROUGH THE DAY IN DULL, DIRECTIONLESS TRADE TO END HIGHER, MAINLY ON A SURGE OF INDEX-LINKED BUYING IN LATE AFTERNOON. THE BROAD MARKET WAS SLIGHTLY EASIER. MOST INVESTORS SAT OUT AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND AND IMPORTANT U.S. ECONOMIC DATA DUE TODAY. INVESTORS HOPE THE FIVE DIFFERENT FIGURES DUE TODAY WILL PROVIDE CLUES TO CURRENCY AND INTEREST RATE DIRECTION. SOMETHING THE MARKET IS VERY PREOCCUPIED WITH NOW.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 86.50 POINTS, OR 0.26 PCT, TO CLOSE AT 33,150.44, JUST AFTER TOUCHING THE DAY'S HIGH OF 33,151.22. IT FELL 138.67 POINTS TO ITS LOW OF 32,925.27 AT MIDDAY.

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX 192.51 POINTS ON THURSDAY AND WAS 34.61 POINTS, OR 0.10 PCT, EASIER IN THE WEEK.

TURNOVER FIZZLED OUT TO A MEERE 650 MLN SHARES, THE LOWEST LEVEL IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS, COMPARED TO 850 MLN ON THURSDAY.

TRADERS SAID IT SEEMS THERE WERE TWO MAIN SPIRITS OF INDEX-RELATED BUYING, ONE AT THE ONSET OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION BY A FOREIGN HOUSE AND ONE NEAR THE CLOSE BY A BIG JAPANESE HOUSE. THEY ADDED THAT IT IS USUALLY THE INVESTMENT TRUSTS THAT DO THE INDEX BUYING.

THIS GAVE A BOOST TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL SHARES, SINCE THEY HAVE A RELATIVELY HIGH WEIGHTING IN THE INDICES.

DEPARTMENT STORE MATSUZAKAYA CO LTD IS A GOOD BAROMETER OF THE INDEX-LINKED BUYING SINCE IT IS VERY HEAVILY WEIGHTED IN THE NIKKEI AND OTHERWISE NOT A VERY POPULAR STOCK. THE SHARE PRICE SOARED 220 YEN, THE MARKET'S THIRD BIGGEST GAIN TODAY, TO CLOSE AT THE DAY'S HIGH OF 5,970. AFTER OPENING AT A LOW 5,800.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, FIRMED 2.21 POINTS TO 2,437.42 AFTER FALLING 11.18 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

FALLS EDGED RISES BY 449 TO 375 WITH 235 ISSUES UNCHANGED.

THE BIGGEST GAINERS WERE AUTO, GLASS/CEMENT, SHIPPING, ELECTRICAL, AIRLINE, TRUCKING, MACHINERY, STEEL, PRECISION INSTRUMENT AND RUBBER SHARES.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, APRIL 14, REUTER - THE MARKET RECOVERED AN EARLIER 20.90-POINT LOSS TO CLOSE SLIGHTLY FIRMER.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 3.56 POINTS TO 3,082.71.

BROKERS SAID THE LOW TURNOVER STEMMED FROM CAUTION AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND AND RELEASE OF U.S. ECONOMIC DATA LATER TODAY, INCLUDING U.S. FEBRUARY TRADE DATA AT 1230 GMT.

UNEASINESS OVER U.S. ECONOMIC DATA WAS THE REASON BEHIND INITIAL SELLING, BUT SENTIMENT IS MAINLY BULLISH SO THE MARKET REVERSED. SELLING ALL INSTEAD OF FIRST PACIFIC SECURITIES.

"IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT THE MARKET CLOSED UP EVEN THOUGH NEW YORK CLOSED LOWER," SAID LINO DELGADO, OF CHIN TUNG.

AMMAN

AS OF 7.4.89			JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.61	0.62
			JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.46	2.46
As of 7.4.89	OPNG	CLSG	JOR PAPER CARDBRD	3.75	3.75
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.87	1.85	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.63	3.63
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.90	1.90	JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.70	1.70
ARAB BANK	151.0	150.5	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.71	1.71
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.61	3.60	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	6.25	6.25
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.09	JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.12	1.12
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.55	0.54	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.58	2.58
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.05	1.01	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.13	2.13
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.99	0.99	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.60	5.60
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR. KUWAIT AGL	0.92	0.92
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.43	0.43	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.56	7.56
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.06	3.03	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.99	0.98	JOR. INV. FTM. CORP	2.33	2.33
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35
BANK OF JORDAN	15.45	15.40	JORDAN DAIRY	0.95	0.95
BEIT AL-NAL/BEITNA	1.02	1.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.30	1.29
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 <th>0.94</th>	0.94
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JORDAN INSURANCE	2.82	2.82
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.01	2.01
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.49	0.49	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.40
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.36	2.35	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.75	0.75
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.74	0.73	MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
FINANCE/CREDIT/COO	0.75	0.71	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.55	4.60	NID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.17
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.43	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.46	0.46
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27	NIDDEL EAST INS	2.05	2.05
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10	NIDDEL RESEARCH CO	0.75	0.75
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	NAT/CHL/PUREST	2.10	2.10
HOLD LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NAT/CHL/PUREST	1.75	1.75
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.67	0.67	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.26	1.26
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP BK	1.60	1.63	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.97
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.37	1.60	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.87	0.87
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL STEEL	2.88	2.88
INTERCOM/INV	0.13	0.13	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.25
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	PETRA BANK	2.55	2.54
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.75	1.74	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.11
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PRECAST CONCRETE	0.82	0.82
JERUSALEM	1.11	1.10	REFRAJA INDUSTRIAL	1.68	1.69
JTO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.40	SEVING STATE INV.	0.64	0.64
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.90	1.92	SHIPPING SERVICES	0.68	0.68
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	SHIPPING SERVICES	0.68	0.68
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46	1.45	THE HOUSING BANK	1.90	1.90
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	UNITED INSURANCE	1.16	1.16
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00	UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND	3.08	3.07
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.66
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.42	2.42	WOOLLEN INDUSTRIES	0.90	0.90
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30	1.30

Li calls for more Japanese investment

TOKYO, April 14, (Reuters): Chinese Premier Li Peng, at the start of a five-day visit to Japan on Wednesday, called for more Japanese investment in China during talks with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

Foreign ministry officials said the two leaders held a two-and-a-half hour discussion on a wide variety of topics but did not go into details.

They said the Chinese premier's main priority was an increase in the transfer of Japanese investment and technology, although Li did not mention specific projects.

Li, the first Chinese premier to visit Japan since 1982, called on Japan to deal seriously with long-standing historic

issues between the two nations but without pinpointing what the problems are.

Concern
He referred with concern to Taiwanese diplomacy but Takeshita assured him that Japan's ties with the nationalist island were in accordance with the Sino-Japanese communique which normalised relations in 1972.

China welcomes Japan's recent initiatives toward improving ties with North Korea but Li made no offer to act as a go-between for Japan, an official said.

Japan hopes to enlist China as an intermediary in its dealings with Phonyang, with whom it has no diplomatic ties.

The Chinese leader is accompanied by

his wife, as well as Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin.

He meets 55-year-old Emperor Akihito yesterday, and is expected to invite him to make the first visit to China by a Japanese monarch.

This would be seen as a symbolic gesture to help heal the wounds of Japan's wartime occupation of China that still plague ties between the two Asian neighbours.

On increased investment, officials and businessmen said earlier this week that Tokyo was expected to be cautious as it watches Beijing struggle with a morass of economic problems.

But it has still pledged to co-operate in

China's modernisation efforts and the official said Takeshita told Li Japan would take a new batch of 100 Chinese for technical training.

Reforms
A decade ago China launched sweeping economic and social reforms under which are now blamed for soaring inflation which reached 18.5 per cent last year and an underground economy rife with corruption.

Japan is China's second biggest trading partner after Hong Kong.

Exports from Japan totalled \$9.48 billion in 1988 up 14.9 per cent from 1987. Imports were \$9.86 billion in 1988, up 33.2 per cent, official figures show.

US to release \$230 million in economic aid to Egypt

WASHINGTON, April 14, (AP): The United States has decided to release \$230 million in economic aid to Egypt that had been held up while the Arab government undertook bureaucratic reforms, the State Department said Wednesday.

Formal notification to Congress is expected by the end of the week. Congress can delay the resumption of aid, but legally cannot block it. A US official said there is no serious opposition to ending the one-month suspension.

The \$230 million covers cash payments to Egypt for this year and for 1988. Overall, Egypt is due to receive \$1.63 billion in US economic assistance for the two years plus surplus food, making it the largest US aid recipient except for Israel.

Congress conditioned delivery of the \$230 million in cash payments on unspecified reforms in the way Egypt administers the aid. A decision to resume coincided with a visit last week by President Hosni Mubarak.

In response to a reporter's question, the State Department press office issued a statement quoting President George Bush as saying Mubarak "enjoys our full support as he implements courageous reform measures to strengthen Egypt's economy for future generations."

Boosted

Aid to Israel and to Egypt was boosted after the two countries signed a peace treaty in 1979. Since then, the United States has been liberal in assisting the two countries.

At the moment, the Bush administration is backing a proposal by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to hold elections among the 1.7 million Palestinian Arabs who live on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Mubarak has called instead for an international peace conference and said the Palestine Liberation Organisation should participate.

The Arab League, of which Egypt is a member, and the PLO both rejected the proposal this week. On Tuesday, the State Department asked all critics to withhold judgement until the proposal is developed.

The US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said no direct appeal was made to the PLO, with which the United States opened talks last December over Israel's objections.

Move to protect consumers

Iraq returns to pricing system

BAGHDAD, Iraq, April 14, (Agencies): Iraq facing soaring prices of agricultural goods, decided yesterday to return to government-fixed prices of all produce, the official Baghdad radio reported.

The radio said that President Saddam Hussein decided to re-establish the central pricing committee, responsible for setting prices for all agricultural produce.

It will be headed by the under-secretary of the Agriculture Ministry. In a statement read over the radio, the government announced new prices for poultry, eggs and tomato, which had soared to unprecedented levels.

The statement said the decision to go back to the pricing system was taken to protect consumers from "greed" exploitation.

Prices of tomato were brought down from 4.5 dinars (\$14) per kilo to 1.5 dinars (\$4.6) and a package of 30 eggs under the new system costs 2 dinars (\$6.2) instead of 4.5.

The President's office stated

that prices of all other agricultural produce will be set immediately by the central committee, and a monitoring system will be established at wholesale centres to check prices.

Efforts
Iraq abolished the pricing system in all its economic sectors in 1987, in an effort to stimulate productivity in its war-battered and heavily indebted economy.

But there have been complaints recently even in the government-run newspapers about the high prices, especially for meat, poultry and agricultural produce.

The government, after earlier warnings, intervened to stop prices it described as "unrealistic and illogical."

"We were forced to interfere to stop coercion and protect consumers from the parasitic elements in the private sector and even to protect the private sector itself," the official statement said.

It also stressed that offenders would be tried at the revolutionary court, which usually deals with cases involving security

crimes. Meanwhile Faw and Khan-akin, two Iraqi oil tankers, are now being loaded with gasoline and naphtha at the southern port of Khor Al-Zubair as part of a drive to step up oil product exports from Gulf outlets, according to Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi.

The minister stated here on Tuesday that "this is the first time for Iraq's oil industry to export petroleum by-products by tanker through the Gulf," noting that "so far exports have been restricted to crude oil."

This is the second shipment of petroleum products to be carried by "Khanakin" since the ceasefire went into effect in August 1988.

The first shipment of 19,000 tons of gasoline was carried by the tanker from the Khor Al Zubair port to the United Arab Emirates.

Al Chalabi explained that the export of oil products through the Gulf followed the recent reopening of the Basrah refinery, after undergoing extensive repair work.

Trade surplus may lead to more friction

Japan fails to achieve 'its goal'

TOKYO, April 14, (Reuters): There was good news and bad news in Japanese trade figures announced yesterday and economists said more trade friction seemed likely.

The March customs-cleared trade surplus ended six straight months of expansion, dropping 9.7 per cent to \$6.74 billion from 7.46 billion a year earlier.

Along with the good news — for a country where high trade surpluses mean pressure from other nations to open its markets — Japan reported its surplus bulged in fiscal 1988/89, ended on March 31, to \$79.01 billion from 75.99 billion the previous year.

Japan's trade surplus with the United States also shot up again in March, to \$4.13 billion from 3.40 billion a year earlier, which is likely to spur more trade conflict, economists said.

Expansion

"The continued expansion is going to frustrate US politicians," said economist Hidehiro Iwaki at NRI and NCC, the research arm of Nomura Securities.

Japan's surplus with the United States has climbed four of the past five months, destroying 10-months of declines up to October 1988.

"We are seeing growing signs of more trade friction with the United States," said economist

David Pike at UBS Phillips and Drew International. "Trade figures such as these are unlikely to ease trade protectionism."

A government official also conceded that Japan may fail in its promise, though by just a slight margin, to reduce its overall surplus in trade of goods on a current account basis to \$93 billion in 1988/89 from 94.28 billion the previous year.

The 1988/89 current account trade figures, calculated differently from the customs-cleared data, will be reported at the end of the month.

Already those figures, for the 11 months from March 1988, total about \$85.5 billion.

As they usually run more than a billion dollars higher than customs-cleared data on a monthly basis, the chances of the surplus holding under the \$93 billion target are slim.

The original 1988/89 trade target had been set at \$81 billion but was revised upwards in January this year.

In a way, the government has already failed to achieve its goal, Pike said, as the revision came after most of the trade data was in.

Finance Ministry officials said they cannot predict whether Japan's trade surplus will continue to expand as there are uncertain factors, such as the yen's exchange rate and crude oil prices.

GPA Group plans largest aircraft order in history

DUBLIN, April 14, (Reuters): Irish-based GPA Group Ltd is to announce next week the largest order for aircraft in history worth up to \$20 billion, a spokesman for the aircraft leasing firm confirmed yesterday.

James King, chief operations officer of the group formerly known as Guinness Peat Aviation, said about 200 aircraft would be purchased from the West European consortium Airbus Industrie and the US giants Boeing Co. and the McDonnell Douglas Corp.

"The manufacturers tell us this would make it the biggest aircraft order in aviation history," King told Reuters.

The largest so far is US carrier Delta Airlines \$10.5 billion order last September which with options totalled 225 Boeing and McDonnell Douglas aircraft.

Asked to give an exact figure for the value of the GPA order, King said: "It is well in excess of \$10 billion and a figure of 20 billion has been mentioned."

He declined to give more financial details until the order is officially announced next Tuesday in London, Paris and New York.

"They will be a mixture of narrow- and wide-bodied planes," he said. It is understood GPA will be awarding the engine orders to the US groups General Electric Co. (GE) and Pratt and Whitney, Rolls-Royce PLC of Britain, the US-based multinational consortium IAE International Aero Engines and CFMI, a joint venture between GE and Snecma of France.

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Stake

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Smuggling gold into India a lucrative proposition

NEW DELHI, India, April 14, (AP): Serpentine lines form before customs officials at New Delhi's international airport every time a flight lands from the duty-free ports of Singapore or Dubai.

Hundreds of passengers, mostly Indians returning from shopping trips, clutch whisky bottles, bags from duty-free shops and stuffed suitcases while waiting for customs clearance.

Invariably, the first question asked by stern-looking officers is: "Are you carrying any gold?"

Few answer "Yes." Other than a small amount of personal jewellery, importing gold into India is completely prohibited. The government says buying it wastes precious foreign exchange.

Yet, tens of thousands of kilograms (pounds) of gold are smuggled into the country every year to meet demand. Indians believe gold is auspicious, and gold jewellery is

exchanged and given as dowry in almost all marriages.

"Gold looks good," said Kiran Nanda, a New Delhi housewife, who says she has gold jewellery worth about Rs 50,000 (about \$3,530).

"My dream is to wear 10 bangles on each hand and a heavy gold necklace, which would mean about five times the gold I have now," she says. "It's all for show."

That kind of demand has made the metal more expensive in India than anywhere else in the world. While it currently sells for about \$338 per ounce on the world market, it goes for about Rs 8,960 (\$589.50) here.

Profitable
"Gold is the most profitable item to smuggle," one white-uniformed airport customs official said. "It's easy to buy, easy to carry and easy to sell. Bring in one kilogramme (2.2 pounds) and you make Rs 100,000 (about \$6,500)."

Many try, and in many ways. In recent months, customs officers have intercepted a woman wearing a wig over a skull cap made of gold; gold biscuits in a washing machine and powdered gold in a tin of baby food.

Those convicted of gold smuggling face prison sentences of up to three years and stiff fines.

But customs officers privately admit that officials seize only five to 10 per cent of the total amount being smuggled into the country. At that rate, the record 6,100 kilograms (13,420 pounds) of gold seized in 1988 means at least 54 tons are estimated to have escaped detection, they say.

The government has been trying to crack down on smuggling, after it passed a law entitling informers and officers to 20 per cent of recovered contraband, seizures jumped from 524 kilograms (1,153 pounds) in 1984 to 2,525 kilograms (5,555 pounds) in 1985.

'Risk of recession is growing'

US retail sales rise

WASHINGTON, April 14, (Reuters): US retail sales rose a scant 0.1 per cent in March while car sales fell for the third consecutive month, supporting a growing body of evidence that the economy is slowing, the government said yesterday.

Retailers registered a seasonally adjusted \$139.42 billion in sales last month after business fell a revised 0.6 per cent in February, the Commerce Department said. It had previously estimated the February drop at 0.4 per cent.

The March sales increase, which had been expected, was not enough to keep pace with recent price hikes, suggesting that actual sales volume declined, economists said.

Food stores, restaurants and gasoline stations were the only major retail group to increase sales last month, mainly because of higher prices, economists said. Meanwhile, there were declines in car, clothing, furniture and hardware sales.

"It is suggestive of some slowing in consumer activity, which is to be expected," said Bill Griggs of the Griggs and Santow investment strategy firm in New York.

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"It is another sign of an economy that is cooling off," added economist Sandra Shaber of the Futures Group, a Washington forecasting firm.

A number of indicators issued last month pointed to slower economic growth in February, including declines in factory orders, industrial operating rates and housing starts.

Still, the sluggishness of retail sales surprised some economists since the driving forces behind consumer spending — personal income and job growth — have been strong, although the pace of job creation tapered off somewhat in March.

"Other indicators are up the question is why aren't retail sales?" said Shaber. "I guess the answer to that is interest rates."

The Federal Reserve Board has been pushing interest rates higher for more than a year to ease inflationary pressures by discouraging borrowing and unnecessary spending.

"The March retail sales report provides further evidence that the risk of recession is growing," said economist William MacReynolds of the US Chamber of Commerce.

Sugar to be rationed in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 14, (AP): The booming demand for sugar, used by some Soviets to make moonshine, has forced authorities to impose rationing in Moscow starting in May, a newspaper said.

Each Muscovite will initially be limited to buying two kilograms (about 4 1/2 pounds) of sugar per month, it said.

Sugar has been rationed in many areas of the Soviet Union for months, but some Muscovites said the limits on sugar purchases announced on Wednesday in the Muskovskaya Pravda newspaper are the first decreed in the capital since World War II.

Demand for sugar skyrocketed in the Soviet Union after Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev launched his anti-alcohol campaign in April 1985, which included sharp cuts in the production of vodka and other alcoholic beverages.

Gorbachev and other Soviet officials have blamed the increase in sugar consumption since then on Soviets who buy the substance to brew "samogon," or moonshine, at home.

Moskovskaya Pravda quoted Valery A. Zharov, chief of the consumer trading department of the Moscow city government, as saying the "sugar boom" in Moscow began in April of last year, and that the product disappeared then from city stores.

The city's government requested an extra 50,000 tons of sugar to meet increased demand, but consumption again shot up in February, Zharov said.

When factories operate near capacity, producers face continued increases in overhead, due to wages and other factors, but the inability to increase production, forcing a rise in prices.

Businesses plan to boost capital spending

WASHINGTON, April 14, (AP): American businesses plan to increase spending on plants and equipment by 6.3 per cent this year after a 10.1 per cent rise in 1988, the government said yesterday.

The Commerce Department said a survey completed in March found businesses planning to spend \$450.39 billion for expansion and modernisation this year.

It realised, that would surpass the previous record of \$423.77 billion in capital spending set last year. All of the numbers have been adjusted to take inflation into account.

The new estimate for capital spending in 1989 represents an increase from an earlier survey released in December, when businesses said they planned to boost spending by 5.9 per cent this year.

The upward revision came as most analysts were predicting an economic slowdown this year as the record peacetime recovery extends into its seventh year.

The Federal Reserve Board has been pushing up interest rates for a year in an effort to cool the economy and restrain inflation. US President George Bush's administration and some analysts, however, have expressed concern that the anti-inflation campaign could prove too potent and unintentionally push the country into a recession.

Continued strength in capital spending and, resulting growth in production capabilities could help extend the life of the economic expansion and ease inflationary pressures that have mounted as factories in some industries operate at rates near full capacity.

When factories operate near capacity, producers face continued increases in overhead, due to wages and other factors, but the inability to increase production, forcing a rise in prices.

Budget negotiators reach tentative pact

WASHINGTON, April 14, (AP): Budget negotiators for US President George Bush, a Republican, and for the Democratically controlled Congress reached a tentative agreement on Thursday night on a framework for the fiscal 1990 budget that sidesteps political pain for members of both parties.

Bargainers worked until after 11 pm (0300 GMT), alternatively thrashing out the details behind closed doors in a Capitol office, and getting their colleagues' reactions to parts of the emerging deal.

The month-long talks have been aimed at reaching agreement on a plan that would slice the deficit for the fiscal year beginning Oct 1, to \$100 billion, as required by the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law.

Because the Bush administration and congressional leaders have agreed to use optimistic economic projections, they have said they can hit the target by agreeing to \$28 billion worth of savings.

Participants

Sources said the participants had reached a consensus. But did not completely rule out a last-minute snag before presenting it to Bush at a White House meeting set for Friday morning.

House majority leader Thomas Foley told reporters as Thursday's session ended that the negotiators would reconvene in the morning shortly before the session with Bush.

"I'm fairly optimistic we'll have something," he said.

"It's likely there will be agreement sometime prior to" the White House meeting, said Rep Bill Frenzel, ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee. "In fact I'd say I'm almost certain."

The fiscal 1989 deficit is expected to exceed \$170 billion, and many economists and others believe that the budget negotiators would have to find billions of dollars more in savings than the \$28 billion agreed upon if they used more realistic assumptions. The optimistic projections negate the need for even tougher savings decisions.

Negotiators have been discussing splitting the savings evenly between spending reductions and new revenues.

Agree

Rep Dan Rostenkowski, a Democrat and chairman of the Tax-Writing Ways and Means Committee, confirmed Thursday that the bargainers had agreed to raise \$5.3 billion by imposing additional taxes.

Bush has insisted often that he will live up to his campaign pledge of opposing what he calls "new taxes." The agreement — which leaves the decisions on the types of taxes for later — allows Bush to claim he has honoured that promise.

Bush favours raising \$4.8 billion by cutting capital gains taxes, which he says would prod the economy. Democrats oppose the idea.

The rest of the revenue would come from selling federal assets and raising fees the government charges for certain services.

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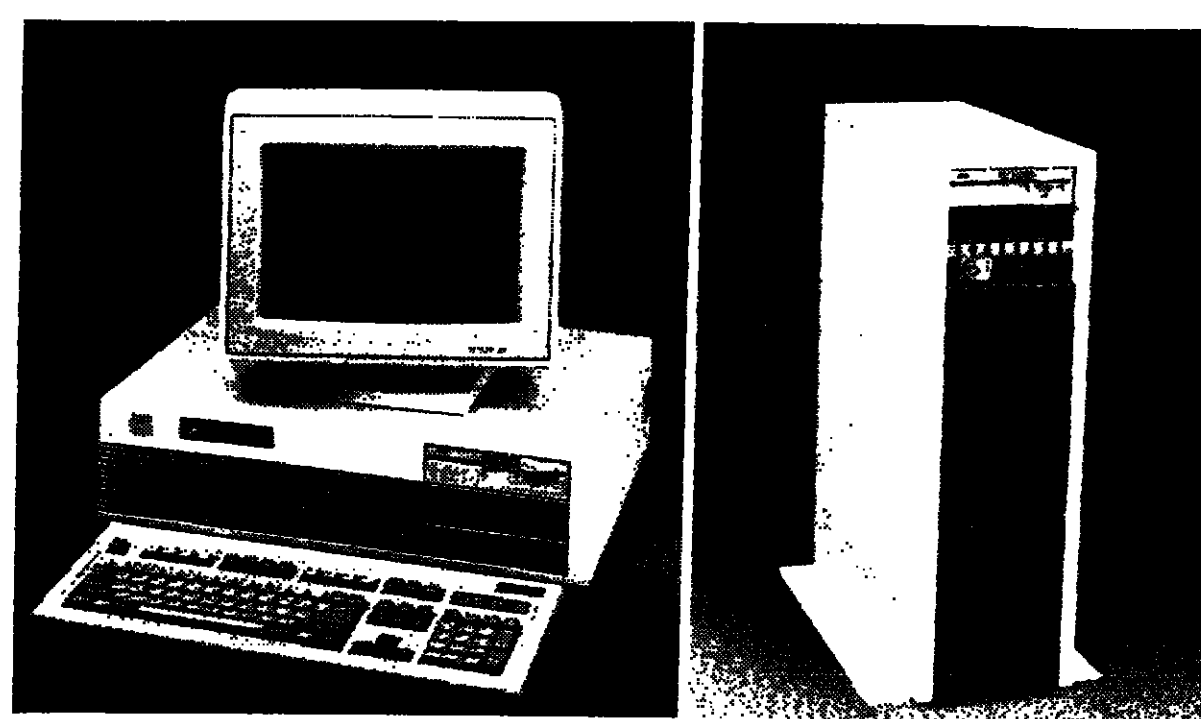
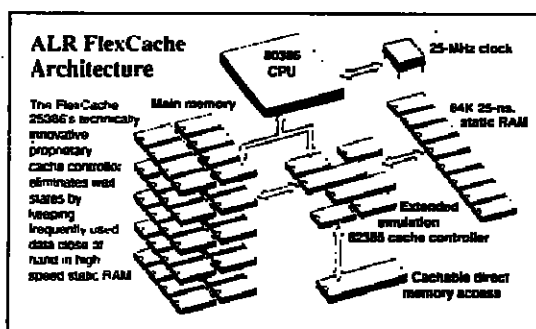
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EVENTS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1989

TV CORNER

KTV weekly highlights

SUNDAY
8.00 Holy Quran
8.10 Islamic Horizon
8.20 Cartoons
8.30 Scientific Eye: "Shape and Strength." The shape of things and their strength.
9.00 News in English
9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi
9.50 Murder, She Wrote: "Murder Through the Looking Glass." A dead body is found in a river, and Jessica believes she knows who the killer is. Starring: Angela Lansbury
10.30 Nature Watch: "Octopus."
11.00 Eisenhower and Lutz: "The Whiplash Kid Returns." Part 2. Megan tells Lutz not to meet his former girlfriend.
11.30 Best-Seller: "Glory Enough for All." Part 2. The story of Frederick Banting, who won the Nobel Prize for discovering insulin at the turn of the century.
1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY
8.00 Holy Quran
8.10 Islamic Horizon
8.20 Cartoons
8.30 Wild America: "Woodpeckers." A look at Woody Woodpeckers
9.00 News in English
9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi
9.45 American Basketball
10.30 Flat 227: Mary and Sandra are at odds with each other in tonight's comedy



Nicole fights for survival during a storm at sea in Danger Bay, Wednesdays.



Glory Enough for All, Sunday's best-seller, is the story of Canadian doctors who discovered a treatment for diabetes in 1921.



Captain Power wants to save the human race from destruction, Tuesdays.

lory, who returns to Britain to form a team.
11.00 Boston: "Go for the Gold." All the children want to become top sports people.
11.30 Q.E.D.: "With a Goal in Mind." A look at how the mind can influence action. An experiment is conducted on a football team.

12.00 The Equaliser: South African agents chase a girl who helps a man settle in the US. Why? McCall follows the case. Starring: Edward Woodward.
1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

8.00 Holy Quran
8.10 Islamic Horizon
8.20 Cartoons
8.30 Danger Bay: "Castaways." A carefree trip to deliver a friend's sailboat becomes a survival test for Grant and Nicole.
9.00 News in English
9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi
9.45 Sonny Spoon: "Hazard of Odds." Sonny finds out his friend gives fake jewels to his boss.

10.30 Bill Cosby Show: Dr. Huxtable is on a diet, and everyone watches his every move. Can he overcome the craving for good food? Starring: Bill Cosby, Phyllysia Ayers-Rashed.
11.00 Just for the Record: People go to any lengths to set a record. A look at some of the daring persons who overcame odds to become the first to cross a barrier.

12.10 Wednesday Feature Film: "Deadline: Madrid." Starring: Brian Thayer, Lee Lawson. A female journalist is assigned to cover the story of weapon smuggling to a country in Africa.
1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

THURSDAY

8.00 Holy Quran

BBC Highlights

Who was Hitler?

Adrian Boult: Sir Adrian Boult was still conducting in 1978, at the age of 89. He lacked the flash of Sir Malcolm Sargent and the fizz of Sir John Barbirolli but his strong and steady interpretations won him a deep respect wherever they were headed. It was Boult who, in 1918, "first caused the planets to shine in public" as the composer Holst wrote in a thank-you note. Michael Kennedy, Boult's biographer, knew him well and over the next four weeks he presents a musical portrait of the great British conductor. (Apr. 21, 1330 hrs; Rep. 2015).

Who was Hitler? Adolf Hitler's twin goals were the elimination of the world's Jews and the conquest of more territory for Germany, particularly at the expense of the Soviet Union. It was these aims which led to a war that decimated the population of the world and split the continent of Europe in two. The dictator's secretary Traudl Junge is among the contributors to this investigation of Hitler by Christopher Andrew. (Apr. 15, 2200 hrs; Apr. 17, 1815 hrs).

Medicine: Charlie Chaplin: In 1913 Charlie Chaplin was an

8.10 Islamic Horizon
8.20 Cartoons
8.30 Monsters Today: "Farwell Grandpa." Hermann has a touch of the flu — and the sound of his sneezing shakes to walls of his home.

9.00 News in English
9.30 Forty Hadith Qudsi
9.45 The Beauty and the Beast: "Chamber Music." Vincent wants to help a talented piano player who is now addicted to drugs.

10.30 Paul Daniels Magic Show: British magician Daniels presents this show featuring several illusions.

11.00 Late Night Movie: "Death on the Oregon Trail." Starring: Rod Taylor, Charles Napier. A peaceful journey towards the wild, wild west turns into a nightmare when one of the men in the wagons is killed. The Alleged killer is found, and charged but someone stops his execution.
1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

8.00 Holy Quran
8.10 Islamic Horizon
8.20 Cartoons
8.30 Interbang: Johnny and Bruno are asked to deliver a letter to a professor in Pisa.

9.00 News in English
9.30 Forty Hadith Qudsi
9.45 Why Islam: A special programme for Ramadan. Persons who have turned to Islam tell why they like the Muslim faith.

10.00 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces British League Soccer games.

11.30 Ducktack: A local programme
12.00 Hunter: "Revenge." Part One. The diplomat from a Latin American country seeks immunity after raping two women, one a police officer. Hunter, enraged by the act, follows the diplomat to take revenge.
1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

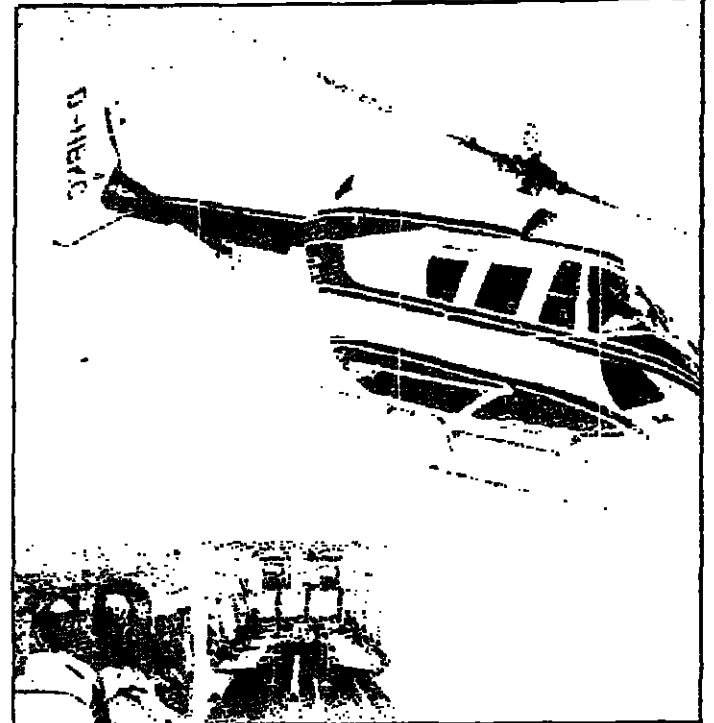
TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

11.00 Holy Quran
11.30 Al Madrasah al Mohammadia: religious serial
12.15 Cartoon
12.30 Cultural film
1.30 Cartoon serial
2.00 Al Nabi Ha Hina: historical serial, starring Mahmud Yaseen, Madiha Kamel, Amina Rizk.
3.15 Ibtihal Deeni
3.30 Daerat Al Naar: Arabic serial, starring Talhat Hamdi, Samar Sami, Rashid Asaf.
4.30 Musabaqat Al Ramadan
5.00 Al Ribaya: Arabic serial, starring Noora, Yusuf Shaban, Salah Saadani, Ahmad Maher.

5.50 Hadith Deeni
6.00 Quran Al Kareem
6.30 Saffinah Al Asdiqah: cartoon serial
7.00 B'ad Al Iftar: Hadith Deeni
7.15 Al Tam'een: serial for children, starring Khalid Al Obaid, Ali Mufteedi, Muna Essaa.

8.00 Nur al Islam
8.35 Security and Citizens
9.30 Musabaqat Ramadan
10.00 News in Arabic
10.50 A'ad Wa Lakin: Arabic serial, starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Hayat Al Fahad, Maryam Ghabban, Dawood Hussein.
11.45 Asakum An Awada, presented by Rasha Majidi.
12.00 Al Talatiya: daily serial, featuring Mahmoud Mursi, Ma'ali Zayed.



FOOTBALL: The Amiri Cup football tournament will be shown from 9 pm nightly on UHF Channel 6 and VHF Channel 47, until April 26. The soccer games will not interrupt normal viewing on KTV 1 and KTV 2.

Reaching for the Skies: a documentary on aviation history. Tonight, it examines fighter bombers. 10.30 pm, KTV 2

9.45 Italian football
10.30 Reaching for the Skies: "Bombers". A look at fighter-bombers and how they were used in World War I and II.
11.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon". Starring: Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. A Swiss scientist, who is a guest of Holmes, is kidnapped in Britain.
1.00 News in Brief/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

8.00 Holy Quran
8.10 Duck Tales
8.30 Animals of Africa: Wild Africa, as it was. Tonight, a look at hippopotamus.
9.00 News in English
9.30 Forty Hadith Qudsi: presented by Hamza Ben Sahnun

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 Newdesk
30 Personal View
45 Recording of the Week (ex 8th Grand National Preview)
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Life Along the Line (ex 29th Poetry of the Century)
45 Book Choice
50 New Ideas
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 People and Politics
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Vintage Chart Show
0400 Newdesk
30 Here's Humph! (ex 8th Grand National Preview)
45 Personal View
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 Newdesk
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From the Weeklies
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.00 am
Zuhr 11.48
Asr 3.22 pm
Maghreb 6.15
Isha 7.34

RAMADAN TIMINGS

Imsak 3.50 am
Ifar 6.15 pm

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Al Khawir Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Badar Pharmacy
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Al Sahara Pharmacy
Saleem Al Mubarak St.
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Al Itihad Pharmacy
Makkah St.
Khalifa
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
Raja'an Comm. Centre, South St.
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Space Balls
Starring: John Kennedy, Rick Moran
Al Sahniya
A Night on the Town
Al Hana
Ala Usmani (Arabic)
Starring: Iham Shahin, Mohsin Mohiuddin
Drive-In
Al Sharidah (Arabic)
Starring: Najla Fathi, Mahmoud Yassin
Al Firdous
Love Story (Hindi)
Starring: Kumar Gaurav, Vijeta Pandit

Fahad Open-air
Rampur ka Lakshman (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Great Monkey Rip-off
Al Jahra
Pacific Connection
Granada
Faut S'les Fraire Ces Legio Naires (French)
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Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
Arabian Gulf St.
Tarag Rajah Museum
RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world, on show.
Sadi House
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

Reflections
April 22-27 (8.30 pm): The School of Contemporary

Dance will present a repertoire of ballet entitled "Reflections" at the Mousetrap Theatre to celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tickets — KD 4. Box office open from 4-6.30 pm, Sat-Wed; ticket order: answer phone — 5382099, 2-6 pm.

Hindi play
MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep", followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880965; 5623810; 3725627.

SOCIAL

Filipino Cultural Show
DANCERS, singers and backstage helpers are needed for a Filipino cultural show, due to be held in June. Contact the Filipino Cultural Club for details or call Florence 2439451/2423171; Lito Matig: 2417965/2417767.

British Council
"TO THE LIGHTHOUSE", this month's feature film, has been cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. The film was scheduled for showing April 15/16. A British Council press release regrets "any inconvenience caused" to the public.

Kuwait Little Theatre
April 20: KLT, Ahmad, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmad, in the presence of the British ambassador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3985964, 3919759.

Bayanhan
APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will be held at the Church Hall from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. All Filipinos are welcome. Free admission.

Summer Affair '89
MAY 6: The Weekend Club will hold a dinner-musical at Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights: five contest, gala buffet and selection of Summer Queen contest. Tel: Hilary Baretto 5741380 (2-7.30 pm); Julio 5734513 (5 pm onwards); and Mercedes 4890566 (from 3 pm).

Remo's Show
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Remo, India's pop-star will be the star performer. City Limits and Perfect Strangers in attendance. For details call Tony 2415439; Wilson — 3918905 (office hours); Val — 5614504 after 2 pm.

Pakistani Eid Dinner
FIRST Day of Eid: There will be an "Eid Milan" dinner for the Pakistani community, organised by Yasmin Muzaffar. Tel: 5385341.

May Queen
MAY 11: Kuwait Goans will crown the May Queen at Messilah Beach Hotel. Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. Highlights of the evening will be Alexandre Rosario's performance. For details call 2413348; 4881387.

Casuals Cricket Club
MAY 18: 8 pm. Messilah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements — 5333248; or Val Tudball — 5327159.

Kuwait Caledonians
MAY 18: Messilah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celebration" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

HOTELS

At Ramada Al Salam
El Bender offers special iftar and suhoor buffet; Al Gandou Grill Garden, open in the evenings offers a selection of grills in

the ambience of a waterfall.
Al Mawardi Garden: After iftar, relax in the open-air with a cup of tea or coffee and watch a selection of movies on the big screen.

At the Holiday Inn
Coffee Shop: Offers iftar buffet every evening. Babylon and Lobby Cafe: A variety of Arabian sweets and fresh fruits with Jellab juice. Trio Dimension provide music up to 10 pm.

At the International
LA PALMA: Iftar buffet from a different country each week; begins in Egypt and goes on to Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Kuwait. It will be open from 6 pm to 3 am for suhoor.

At the Plaza
NOURA Terrace: open from 7 pm to 12 midnight, featuring Lebanese mezzeh and other treats.

At Dallah Coffee Shop:
offers a la carte or dinner buffet featuring Arabic, Continental or Asian food. Speciality: plat du jour.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered in entries will not be accepted.

Encore for Elton John

On the yellow brick road again



Putting on the style: Elton John

Elton John is back in form again. After a harrowing year which included separation from his wife Renate, laser throat surgery and vicious character assassination, the star is ready to embark on a world tour. A new single and a duet with soul queen, Aretha Franklin, will also be released soon.

By Gill Pringle

ELTON JOHN, dapper in an £8,000 Italian designer suit, bounces into his dressing rooms in the giant Palais des Sports just outside Paris.

With a glittering black Nehru cap wobbling on his cropped, bleached barnet he looks much happier than he has for a long time.

"I've learned a lot over the past few years, and nothing will ever get me down again," he says as he prepares for the first night of his year-long world tour.

"There are people out there with far greater worries than mine."

Elton's worries over the last year have included separation from his wife Renate Blauel, laser throat surgery and a newspaper campaign of vicious character assassination.

Elton won £1 million damages for that, but he felt so miserable he even put his beloved house on the market (although he took it off again) and sold most of his rock and roll treasures for £2.5 million.

At one point Elton looked grim enough for two journalists to sit up all night writing a four-page obituary.

Looking at him now — on the eve of his 42nd birthday — it's clear his problems are over. All the old wit and sparkle that made him as much a British institution as the Queen Mother is back. Barely able to keep still for a second, he fired out his famous one-liners.

Who are you working with at the moment?

"I was considering contacting Elvis."

On the possibility of playing the lead in a Broadway musical he has written about vampires, he quips: "Me? Whoever heard of a fat vampire?"

Elton has written the musical based on a trilogy of books by American authoress Anne Rice, called *Interview With A Vampire*.

"It's a fantastic book," he enthuses. "You want to be a vampire yourself at the end of it."

Not that there is much danger of that. Elton's too busy sweating blood over his 120-date world tour.

His travels will take in Tasmania, the Philippines, Argentina and Uruguay, reaching Britain and Eire in May.

"But there is no way I'm quitting Britain. Staying here was the best decision I ever made," he says.

While he is away Elton has arranged to give his mansion at Old Windsor, Berkshire a £1 million face-lift.

"After 15 years it needs tarting up. There will be armchairs and fireplaces, so people can sit down instead of resting on top of vases," he says.

Elton obviously thrives on all this activity and excitement. "I have no worries in my life and I'm probably the happiest I've been for a long time."

"Over the last couple of years there's been a lot of hassle and I was really down in the dumps, but I also learned that I have a great many friends."

"A lot of people wrote me really sweet letters, while I just stayed indoors and sulked."

"Then one day I woke up and decided to get off my backside and go back to work. I bear no grudges now."

It was the right decision, because now Elton is so self-confident that he is flaunting his rediscovered happiness, with a new album called *Sleeping With The Past*.

"Well why not? I'm determined none of those old stories will ever get to me again," he says referring to the sordid tales of rent boys and homosexuality.

A single called *Through The Storm*, a duet with soul queen Aretha Franklin, will also be released in a fortnight.

Apart from throwing himself into his work, Elton is looking after his health as well.

He claims to have lost a couple of stone and has a keep-fit instructor accompanying him on the tour, to force him to run on what he calls his "treadmill."

Patting his rounded tum, he confesses: "I'm eating as much as ever, but at least I am exercising."

Elton has battled against the bulge all his life, but shrugs it off: "It's not as I'm a Jagger or Bowie."

"I don't have to get really physical. I can just sit behind my piano and pretend I am Ray Charles."

In fact Elton sits behind his piano for most of his two-hour show.

All the greats are there. Saturday Night, Your Song, Daniel, Candle In The Wind, Kiss The Bride, Nikita, Song For Guy.

See the show and you're reminded why Elton is still one of Britain's best song-writers.



Elton John: still going strong

Madonna toppled

LONDON (AP): Eternal Flames by Bangles shot up to the top of the British pop singles record chart this week, knocking Madonna's Like A Prayer into fifth spot after four weeks at number one.

If You Don't Know Me By Now by Simply Red came from off the charts into second place, followed by Paula Abdul's Straight Up and Kon Kan's I Beg Your Pardon in third and fourth.

Also appearing in the top 10 for the first time this week are When Love Comes To Town by U2 and B.B. King, and Baby I Don't Care by Transvision Vamp.

This week's Top 10 singles, as listed by our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

Top Ten UK

1. (5) Eternal Flame — Bangles (CBS).

2. (—) If You Don't Know Me By Now — Simply Red (Elektra).

3. (2) Straight Up — Paula Abdul (Sire).

4. (6) I Beg Your Pardon — Kon Kan (Atlantic).

5. (1) Like A Prayer — Madonna (Sire).

6. (3) Keep On Movin' — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler (10 Records).

7. (—) When Love Comes To Town — U2 and B.B. King (Island).

8. (26) Baby I Don't Care — Transvision Vamp (MCA).

9. (4) This Time I Know It's For Real — Donna Summer (Warner Bros).

10. (8) Paradise City — Guns n' Roses (Geffen).

And in New York *She Drives Me Crazy* took the fine young Cannibals to the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States. The hit disc jumped from fourth place a week ago.

The Look by Roxette stayed on for the second week in a row in second position on the Cash Box magazine chart. Madonna hopped up two notches to third spot with *Like A Prayer*.

Last week's number one hit, *Girl You Know It's True* by Milli Vanilli, slipped to fourth. *Eternal Flame* by the Bangles cooled to fifth place, down from third a week ago.

Soaring fast up the top 10 list

was *I'll Be There For You* by Bon Jovi, up from 17th to 7th.

As for the country-and-western singles, *Shenandoah* took over the number one slot on the Cash Box magazine chart with *The Church On Cumberland Road* Hank Williams Jr., in a duet with his father Hank Williams Sr., hopped into second place with *There's A Tear In My Beer*. Billy Joe Royal was third with *Tell It Like It Is*.

Top Ten US

The Top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) *She Drives Me Crazy* — Fine Young Cannibals (IRS).

2. (2) *The Look* — Roxette (EMI).

3. (5) *Like A Prayer* — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).

4. (1) *Girl You Know It's True* — Milli Vanilli (Arista).

5. (3) *Eternal Flame* — The Bangles (Columbia).

6. (6) *Stand* — R.E.M. (Warner Brothers).

7. (17) *I'll Be There For You* — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).

8. (11) *Superwoman* — Karyn White (Warner Brothers).

9. (7) *My Heart Can't Tell You No* — Rod Stewart (Warner Brothers).

10. (12) *Heaven Help Me* — Deon Estus and George Michael (MCA-Polygram).

The Top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (5) *The Church On Cumberland Road* — Shenandoah (Columbia).

2. (3) *There's A Tear In My Beer* — Hank Williams Jr. (duet with Hank Williams Sr.) (Warner Brothers-Curb).

3. (7) *Tell It Like It Is* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

4. (1) *I'm No Stranger To The Rain* — Keith Whitley (RCA).

5. (2) *Down That Road Tonight* — Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

6. (10) *Don't Toss Us Away* — Patty Loveless (MCA).

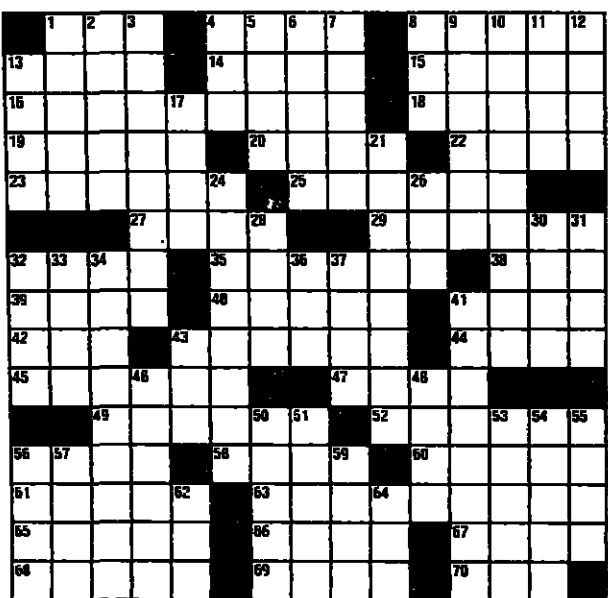
7. (11) *Hey Bobby* — K.T. Oslin (RCA).

8. (4) *Baby's Gotten Good At Goodbye* — George Strait (MCA).

9. (6) *Who You Gonna Blame It On This Time* — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).

10. (8) *Heartbreak Hill* — Emmylou Harris (Reprise).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Describing a certain hatter
 - 4 Coin depository
 - 8 Teenager's hangout
 - 13 What a cobbler furnishes
 - 14 Caba da —
 - 15 Love in Paris
 - 16 Easy mark
 - 18 Prods to action
 - 19 Attempts
 - 20 Pairs
 - 22 Singer Guthrie
 - 23 Playground attraction
 - 25 Compensate
 - 27 Summer shader
 - 29 Bars, legally
 - 32 Arthur of tennis
 - 35 Islands off Portugal
 - 38 Max
 - 39 African nation
 - 40 Cabbage in brine
 - 41 Author James
 - 42 Charioteer Ben
 - 44 Fellow
 - 45 Last
 - 47 Fat
 - 49 Emergency
 - 52 Orders off the premises
 - 56 Prince, perhaps?
 - 58 Winter white
 - 60 Chou —
 - 61 Sweetheart
 - 63 Use physical force
 - 65 Still
 - 66 Relative of etc.
 - 67 Samovars
 - 68 Describe grammatically
 - 69 Imbibe
 - 70 — de deux
- DOWN**
- 1 Dudley or Roger
 - 2 Michael Caine role
 - 3 Despaired
 - 4 "Sold Out" notice
 - 5 Noisy
 - 6 Happen
 - 7 Nevada resort area
 - 8 — Boot
 - 9 1981 film
 - 9 Convey
 - 10 Kind of bread
 - 11 Tress
 - 12 Roughly
 - 13 All flyers
 - 17 St. Petersburg resident
 - 21 Girl of song
 - 24 Lack of strength
 - 26 Donkey's uncle?
 - 28 Henry Aldrich
 - 30 Entreaty
 - 31 Footfall
 - 32 All in a way
 - 33 Ignore
 - 34 Type of book
 - 36 Crew member
 - 37 Regrets
 - 41 Causing a disturbance
 - 43 — Lanka
 - 46 Encouragers
 - 48 Tied
 - 50 Map addition
 - 51 — voice
 - 53 Actress Bow
 - 54 Mountain lakes
 - 55 Actress Sylvia
 - 56 Funnyman
 - 57 Barrett or Jaffe
 - 59 Prepare for gift-giving
 - 62 Hwy.
 - 64 Tijuana
 - 65 cheer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VIBES ASOR CAST
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TITLE ARAP ORAN
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GOREN BRIDGE

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Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH

♠ 7

♥ A 8

♦ J 4 2

♣ Q J 9 8 6 4 3

EAST

♠ J 10 8 6 5

♥ K J 4 3

♦ K

♣ 10 7 2

SOUTH

♠ K

♥ Q 10 6

♦ A Q 9 8 7 6 3

♣ A 5

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♦

3 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♦

Pass 6 ♦ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Here's an unusual hand from a team match at the recent Fall North American Championships, held in Nashville. At the table where North-South played in five diamonds, the contract was defeated one trick. At the other table, a diamond slam was bid and made.

East's two-spade opening was weak, showing a six-card suit and a

hand not strong enough for an opening bid. The rest of the auction was all completely natural, although rather aggressive.

At both tables the opening lead was the jack of spades, and East's ace dropped the king. Both defenders found the heart shift, won by the ace in dummy. The declarer who was only in game tried the diamond finesse. When that lost, West cashed a heart for down one.

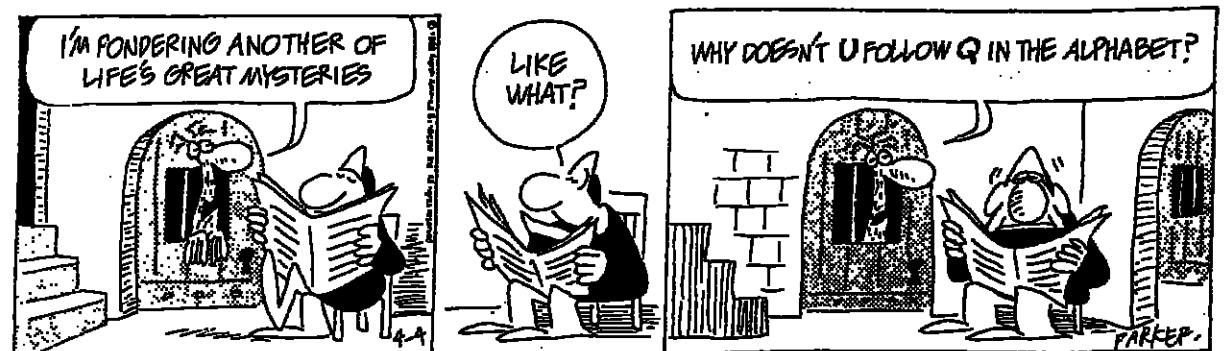
At the other table the contract was six diamonds, reached on the auction above. After winning the second trick on the table with the ace of hearts, declarer realized that he would have to find the king of clubs inside if he was going to land his slam. Therefore, East could not have the king of diamonds as well — with ace-queen of spades and two kings, he would have opened one spade.

At trick three, therefore, declarer led a diamond to his ace. When that fetched the king, declarer got back to dummy by leading a middle trump to the jack for the club finesse. A club ruff established that suit, and the preciously preserved three of trumps, overtaken with the four, was the entry to run the board's winners.



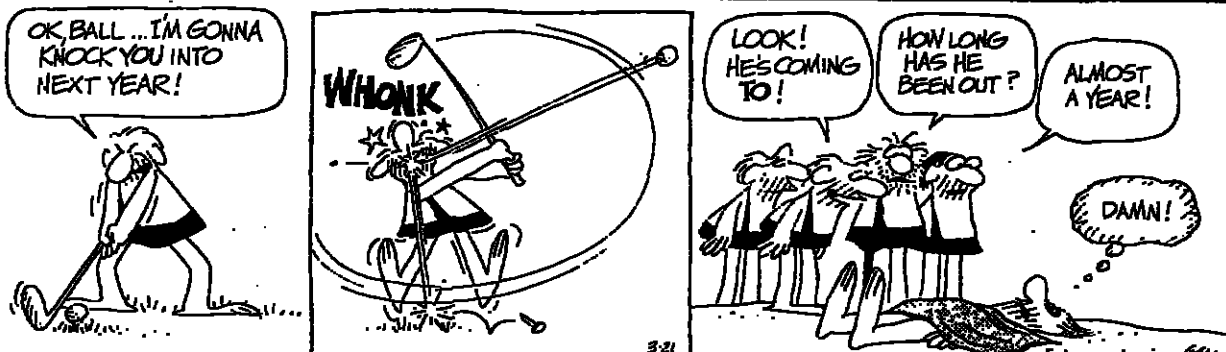
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 19)
You will not feel at your best and should avoid doing anything that is strenuous if at all possible. However, that does not mean doing virtually nothing. You will be able to sort out a rather confusing situation. Be pleasant.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You will not feel at your best and should avoid doing anything that is strenuous if at all possible. However, that does not mean doing virtually nothing. You will be able to sort out a rather confusing situation. Be pleasant.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
Try to be a little more thorough — it takes a little longer but saves time in the end. However, do not allow yourself to be distracted by trivialities. Do not dwell on gloomy thoughts — think of the positive factors. Be generous.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Make sure you get all the rest you need without indulging in laziness. Not everything will be to your liking, but do not let that get you down. Do not criticise others unless absolutely necessary. Be cordial.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You will not be in the best of moods and must make an effort not to annoy others. You should have a little more faith in yourself. Make sure you resist a temptation to spend recklessly. Be moderate.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
You will be able to think a little more constructively. Make sure you do not take too much for granted just now. Do not leave until later what you know should be done without delay. Be reasonable.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You will be able to think a little more constructively. Make sure you do not take too much for granted just now. Do not leave until later what you know should be done without delay. Be reasonable.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will have plenty of energy but you must make sure you put it to good use too. Avoid taking any unnecessary risks. This is not one of your luckier days. Do not delay replying to letters and paying bills. Be patient.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
A short time spent tidying up will prevent your getting into a big mess. You must be careful lest you give away something told to you in confidence. Do all you can to avoid giving offence. Be fair.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
You should make sure you do not do anything that would be bad for your health. And do not believe in fancy medicines, nothing can replace a balanced diet. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be contented.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You should avoid depending too much upon others. Take care not to eat more than you need to maintain your weight. Refrain from speeding or any form of reckless driving. Be more trustworthy.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
You will be able to do something to correct a wrong impression. You will also be able to make up for lost time. Try to ensure that you do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be contented.

WOMEN

Ad men no longer call the shots

Beauty industry listening to women

By Penny Rich

EVER since Cleopatra bathed in asses' milk, the quest for beauty has been an unrelenting feminine pastime.

In the Seventies, manufacturers told women the answer came from the kitchen sink: we applied lumps of oatmeal to the face, beer shampoo to the hair, and algae, avocado and apricot oil everywhere else.

In the Eighties we've turned to the test-tube: embryonic cells for eternal youth, chemistry-set products that mix and fizz, and everything comes with elastin, collagen, mucopolysaccharides, or other such pseudo-scientific nonsense.

It was only last year that we were told, for instance, that there should be three steps to good hair care (shampoo, conditioner and finishing rinse, to seal hair strands and add shine); that our lips look better with non-smudging compacts of powder colour, rather than the conventional soft, tubular lipstick; that little babies like to wear perfume (and now have two of their own to choose from); and that not only do our faces deserve an anti-wrinkle potion — but we ought to have another one just to dab on around our eyes.

But all this is about to change. For the first time it looks as if we are going to be telling them which beauty products we need. The seeds of social awareness sown 20 years ago have grown up into a powerful lobby of consumers who care about the environment.

And the industry is listening. Clairol have just launched a major, advertising campaign. It shows a bottle (not can) of hairspray, with an arrow pointing to the nozzle and the message: "The biggest hole we make... Ozone-friendly Finala. A kinder way to hold our hair all day."

Manufacturers are spending huge sums to replace harmful CFC propellants in their aerosols with safer ones. And since

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most businesses are ruled by economics, the conclusion is that it's not just because suddenly they care, it's because they think we care and will stop buying.

The success of The Body Shop, created and run by Anita Roddick, has shown the rest of the cosmetics industry exactly how much consumers do care.

Last year it had a £46 million turnover from 400 shops world-wide, and is increasing sales by 60 per cent a year.

It has never advertised, bases all its products on traditional remedies from all over the world, and its concern is not just to protect the environment, but to preserve and enhance it.

According to Anita Roddick, the mainstream cosmetics industry has sold itself down the river. "They are so extravagant with the scientific claims they make for their products," she says, "that they have confused the consumer."

They promise miracle that don't happen. And in her heart of hearts every woman knows that no cream will wipe away signs of grief, or stress, or wrinkles caused by the sun.

"Beauty products make you look fantastic and feel fantastic, and women will always buy them. But they are becoming more discerning in what they buy."

The Body Shop wouldn't survive, let alone thrive, if women didn't now feel that no living animal should suffer for vanity. And that the environment shouldn't suffer for something as irrelevant as a pot of cream.

Roddick not only believes in protecting mother nature, but bases her business on

defending it. Her latest project is a rain-forest range of products, using flora native to South America as the main ingredients.

This is a practical way of encouraging the inhabitants not to clear vast acres of rainforest (to plant grass, to grow beef, to make hamburgers). The native Indians will be well-paid to hand-pick raw ingredients from the forest for her, instead.

She is currently raising money for a team of researchers at Westminster Hospital in London, where they have managed to grow human skin in laboratory conditions.

"This is the most exciting research project in the UK," she says. "If they succeed, we'll be able to test raw ingredients for the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries straight on to manufactured human skin samples. All the big cosmetic companies who say they don't like animal testing should put their money where their mouths are."

There is one other area where the cosmetics industry must change radically in the next decade — and, again, it is consumer-led.

Barbara Attenborough, who as Creative Adviser to Boots is responsible for making its No 7 range the overall best-seller in the UK, says this must affect the type of products companies create.

"Already our younger Boots 17 range, which leads the market, is declining due to lack of teenagers — it will be down 25 per cent by 1992," she says. "Last September we launched '2,000' — a range that is specifically formulated for older skins — and within two months it claimed 0.5 per

cent of the total colour cosmetic and skin-care market."

And this area of the market is set to grow and grow. The over-45s have a large disposable income to play with, and not only are they richer, but they have more time to shop and spend.

"People in their forties now," says Attenborough, who will never want to be seen looking awful, or old and frumpy. Their mothers used less makeup and dressed more soberly beyond a certain age, but that is a thing of the past.

Joan Collins and Raquel Welch are prime examples of present, and future, role models. But the male-dominated advertising business has been slow to adapt to this.

According to Attenborough, the Americans are the first to wake up to the fact that they are selling to older women who don't want to turn the clock back.

"The ad-image of young, female models will be totally incongruous," she says. "For the first time, the beauty business is going to have to let a few of the wrinkles show."

Until now, cosmetics advertising has been blatantly seductive. The sexual innuendo of "Things happen after a Badesse bath" made it a best-seller. Almost every perfume has a reference to Paris or a few words in French.

Nubile, naked, tangled bodies — like Calvin Klein's images for his Obsession range — imply that we could have a better physique (and sex life) from a bottle. And a face as smooth as a baby's bottom tells us that a product "can intercept new signs of visible ageing" (and not that it does get rid of old wrinkles).

But nobody make us spend £40 on a face cream rather than £4. It is our choice. The very fact that from now on we want to know what goes into a product, how it is made and why we really need it, means that the Nineties will be a decade where true beauty comes into its own.



Beauty products make you look good and women will always buy them, but they are becoming more discerning about what they buy.

Bring out your curlers, pink hair nets and lacquer

Bouffants set to bounce back again

By Rick van Sant

TWENTY years after women liberated themselves from the weekly visit to the hairdressers — courtesy of Vidal Sassoon and his cut-and-blow dry — a whispering campaign has begun to woo us back.

The hairdressing grapevine is buzzing with claims that our favourite labour-saving hairstyles, the scalp-hugging, blowdried bob and the pre-Raphaelite wash-and-leave perm are finally on their way out.

The Nineties, say the hair gurus, will see the return of the more formal bouffant look, last seen in the early Sixties, and modelled to great effect by the girls in the current hit film *Scandal*.

It is a look, for those of you who do not remember, created with setting lotion, rollers, pink hairnets, and head-bouffing driers, and held fast by lashings of lacquer.

It took ages to achieve and dropped in wet or windy weather, creating a fashion for feather-light chiffon headscarves (worn with great élan by Brigitte Bardot) and those pleated plastic rain hats now found only on pensioners' outings or in crackers. It also meant sleeping in curlers.

The man behind the whispers is a hairdresser called John Frieda. He is so convinced that women are about to enter what he calls "new era of dressed hair" that next month he is bringing out a book telling hairdressers lack the skill to do an old-fashioned shampoo and set or put long hair. He is not alone. Hazel Collins, a former model who runs a salon called Ellishelen in Knightsbridge London W1 also believes dressed hair with a bit of height is on its way back, at least for evening.

"For daytime, our motto is still 'in the shower and out the door.' But we believe that night time is dressing up time and that includes hair," says Collins.

No matter how much hairdressers dream of our resuming the once-a-week appointment, the new prophecies have been received within the profession with a certain amount of doubt.

It has been pointed out to Frieda that, although today's women have more money to spend, they have less time than their mothers in which to spend it and will not want to boil under dryers for an hour at a time. So when I went to see him, as a guinea pig, he was ready for my first objection — that the new look took too long.

Frieda stresses that what is about to hit us is not a remembrance of things past.

Setting lotion, which in my day looked like green pond slime and caused dandruff, is now "thickening lotion", is colourless and goes on at the roots only. Pin curls, which once lay down snug under their hairnet, now stand up. Lacquer has become ozonefriendly and is called hairspray.

Complicated

It looked immensely complicated to me, taking tiny sections of hair, first spraying them with "thickening lotion" then vertically blow-drying the roots and finally putting in stand-up pin curls which left the ends of the hair free.

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Sixties style: Bridget Fonda as Mandy Rice-Davies in *Scandal* and Sophia Loren (right)



But it worked. After a good dose of lacquer — the smell of which took me straight back to those curtained cubicles of yesteryear — I had a bouffant hair-do in half the time it took to have a shampoo and set.

Frieda, who has the kind of persuasive manner coupled with toffey-eyed, boyish good looks that could make Joan of Arc recant, brushed aside my protestations. "OK, so it takes a bit of time. But isn't it worth it to look good?" Of course it is, but did I? I found the fullness, the roundness, odd — ageing. My husband, uncompromising, branded my new look tart.

But, of course, it always was. We had furious debates about it at school. There were those who thought it common to backcomb your hair. Those who did included the newsreader, Julia Somerville, who has since changed her mind and now sports quite a full style. And there were the rest of us who had noticed that girls who backcombed, using those special combs with bobbles halfway down each tooth, seemed to have more fun.



Eighties style: British newsreader Julia Somerville (left) and a fashion model (right)



Feminist author knocks female back-biting

Militants approve

By Paul Luke

TORONTO, (Reuter): Canadian author Margaret Atwood risked outraging her devoted feminist following by portraying young women as vicious and manipulative in her latest novel *Cat's Eye*.

But the book, released in Britain in January and in the United States in February, has so far won approval from even her most militant feminist readers. Atwood, 49, said in a recent interview.

Women see in the novel the scheming and back-biting that marked the female relationships of their own early years, she said.

"If we pretend that there are no power plays among women, we're living in a fool's paradise," Atwood said.

"You may ask yourself why there isn't a women's movement that has 95 per cent membership and, I think, one of the reasons is that it takes people quite a lot of time to get over the distrust that they've built up towards one another in childhood."

Cat's Eye, Atwood's seventh novel, examines the bleak inner life of Elaine Risley, a middle-aged Vancouver painter who returns to her hometown of Toronto for a retrospective of her work.

Anguished

Elaine paces the city and recalls her anguished childhood, brooding over Cordelia, a girl who tormented her by threatening to suspend her friendship.

As a child, Elaine carries her favourite cat's eye marble to give her courage in the face of her friend's cruelty.

Cat's Eye is a sharp departure from *The Handmaid's Tale*, the 1985 novel that won Atwood her greatest international commercial and critical success.

In *The Handmaid's Tale* Atwood created a futuristic totalitarian society set in a nuclear wasteland once known as Boston.

Atwood is acting as consultant for a film version of *The Handmaid's Tale*, being shot in North Carolina.

Directed by Germany's Volker Schlöndorff from a screenplay by

British playwright Harold Pinter, the movie stars Robert Duvall, Faye Dunaway and Elizabeth McGovern.

Atwood said that since *Cat's Eye* focuses on universal human concerns, its Canadian setting, even if unfamiliar, won't deter foreign readers.

"What makes Faulkner a writer of international stature is not the fact that he is writing about Oxford, Mississippi, but what he did with that," she said.

Like her character Elaine Risley, Atwood is sharply critical of Toronto, citing mounting traffic and pollution problems.

Had she not been promoting *Cat's Eye* late last year, Atwood said, she might have fought for change by entering politics.

"I seriously considered running for mayor. And if nobody else does it next time, I'll do it," she said.

While foreign readers may be unfamiliar with Canada's cities, Atwood said, Canadian writers such as Robertson Davies, Alice Munro and Margaret Laurence command growing international respect.

Only 25 years ago, she said, the world's indifference to Canada's writers mirrored Canadians' ignorance of a home-grown literature that wasn't even taught in school.

"Canadian writers are just out there competing on the shelves with other people and doing pretty well at it," she said. "It's reflected in the prices that international publishers are willing to pay for their books."

Atwood said her 20 volumes of poetry, fiction and non-fiction have been translated into 20 languages, including Japanese, Russian and Icelandic.

"Almost nobody ever gets translated into Icelandic," she said with a laugh.

Canada's unique culture and past have generated a relatively large number of women writers, Atwood said.

As Canada was until fairly recently a frontier society in which men were struggling to survive, the arts were left to women, Atwood suggested.

US women artists come into their own

Exhibit highlights breakthrough

By Rick Van Sant

CINCINNATI, (UPI): The 1970's and early '80s may be remembered as a critical period for contemporary American women artists who, however quietly, led the professional that brought them to prominence in the male-dominated art world.

The Cincinnati Art Museum last week held the premiere showing of "Making their mark: women artists move into the mainstream, 1970-1985," an exhibition of 162 works by 54 women painters, sculptors and photographers.

"This is the first exhibition that focuses on the breakthrough period of 1970 to 1985 for women artists," said curator Randy Rosen. "This was the first time we got a sense that stereotypes held for centuries had started to change."

"Until just a few years ago, art books described Western art without mentioning a single

woman. Recognition of women's influence in art was not very obvious before 1970."

Rosen said it hadn't dawned on her that women artists had broken through male domination of art until a few years ago when she was asked to make suggestions for a general art show and about half the pieces she picked had been done by women.

"Although there have always been exceptional women artists, it was for the first time between 1970 and 1985 that women exerted a widespread influence on mainstream art," she said. "This exhibition focuses on this turning point and on many of the artists who were instrumental in bringing it about."

Rosen said the 1970-1985 period signalled a shift for women artists from a marginal role to one of participation and influence in contemporary American art.



Fall fashion

Models for Hino and Malee at the 1989 fall fashion shows in New York. Models are wearing wool gaberdine shawl collared jacket with ivory tab blouses.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: Another player on my high school hockey team suffered an injury to his spleen, but his doctor repaired it surgically. My father says that all injured spleens should be removed. Is he right? Is it always necessary to remove the spleen after an injury?

ANSWER: Fathers like the reputation of always being right, but this time medical practice has moved beyond Dad's knowledge. Splenectomy (the operation to remove the spleen) was once done routinely after an injury to the upper left quadrant of the abdomen where the spleen is located. Because doctors did not know what, if any function was performed by the spleen, they believed it was not needed.

That belief was substantiated by the fact that the death rate from injury to the spleen was 90 to 100 per cent before 1900, and before surgical removal of the spleen was used as treatment. Now, however, doctors understand that the spleen plays an important role in preventing infection. In fact, some studies have shown that the death rate due to infection is 58 times greater than the normal population in patients who have had their spleen removed after injury. (Post-operative infection only occurs in 0.5 to 1 per

INJURY TO SPLEEN DOESN'T REQUIRE REMOVAL

cent of these patients though). Because of the new understanding of the spleen's function, today's treatment is more conservative when a patient has received a possible injury to the spleen. A direct blow to the abdomen, a fall and car accidents are common causes of damage to the spleen. Children especially are at risk: for them the spleen is the most commonly injured abdominal organ. Although in some cases, the extent of injury will make removal of the spleen necessary, physicians often try to repair the organ surgically, or they may closely observe the patient and let the body heal itself.

QUESTION: My fingers get numb and cold, particularly in my right (working) hand. My wife believes she has read about such a condition. Can banging your hand against something cause a disease called Raynaud's?

ANSWER: Using your hand for a hammer isn't a good idea. Persons who use their hands repeatedly to strike, push or twist hard objects are running the risk of developing a condition that is similar to Raynaud's, called "hypothetized hammer syndrome."

Raynaud's is a condition where the arteries in the hands contract (spasm), resulting in a

reduced blood supply in the fingers. This condition is painful and can result in damage to the tissue. It is seen most often in young women, and the spasms are often triggered by exposure to cold and emotional upset. Raynaud's Disease generally affects both hands equally.

True Raynaud's is not caused by striking the hand against a hard object. However, a condition with symptoms like Raynaud's can be caused in this manner. This situation is most often seen in men who work with their hands, and its onset may be gradual. Angiography, or a special X-ray of the arteries of the hand, is helpful in diagnosing the condition. Angiography may show an obstruction of the ulnar artery, which supplies blood to the fingers.

Treatment by a surgeon who specializes in vascular disorders of the hand may be necessary, if non-surgical methods fail to break up the obstruction. Treatment helps the condition, but some permanent damage may remain. By the way, did you know that nicotine also constricts the arteries? If you are a smoker, your first step to getting your circulation back is to throw those cigarettes away.

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SPORTS

Top marathon runners chase fame and fortune

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): The cream of the world's long-distance runners chase fame and fortune in three countries this month as the northern spring marathon season gets into full swing.

The first of three big races is the Rotterdam marathon this Sunday, followed by the 93rd Boston race on Monday. The London marathon, the world's largest mass-participation race, is staged on April 23.

With no major individual championship to worry about this year, runners can compete in one of the big spring events and possibly either the lucrative New York or Chicago marathons later in the year.

The three spring marathons are all prestigious events, reflected in the prize money on offer.

Refused

The Rotterdam event offers total prize money of 650,000 guilders (\$307,000) with a \$50,000 bonus for a world best.

The organisers have refused to say how much the first place money will be, although they confirmed that 25 runners would receive appearance money.

First place for both men and women in Boston will be worth \$45,000 and the winners in London will get \$50,000 each.

Ethiopians, who boycotted last year's Seoul Olympics, return to the road in force led by world record holder Belayneh Dinsamo.

Dinsamo set the current world best of two hours six minutes 50 seconds for the 42.195-km event in last year's Rotterdam marathon.

He runs again in Rotterdam on Sunday accompanied by team-mate Tadesse Gebre, who finished ninth in the 1987 race.

For the first time since Emperor Haile Selassie was toppled by the present Marxist regime in 1974, Ethiopians will compete in the Boston marathon. Abebe Makonnen, Challa Urgessa and Mekonnen Tulut are the runners selected by the national federation to compete.

Presence

Last year's top two in Boston — Kenyan Ibrahim Hussein and Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa have returned along with third-placed Irishman John Treacy and New York marathon champion Steve Jork of Britain.

Norway's Ingrid Kristiansen, the world record holder, and 1984 Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson of the United States.

The London marathon has attracted a world record 30,000 participants plus three of the world's top men in Kenyan world champion Douglas Wakihuri, Australian Commonwealth champion Rob de Castella and Djibouti's Ahmed Salah, second fastest man ever.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Westminster System 17 bridge game held on April 9:

1. Ahmed Huseini & Mohammed Al Baz
2. Bassam Al Salah & John Burck
3. Mamdouh Sabri & Said Albasad

Results of the Hubsara Bridge Club game held on April 8:

N/S
1. Sherin Bayoum & Ahmed Huseini
2. Nabil Akel & Narenda Shah
3. Jala Sapre & K.T. Simon

E/W
1. Lolo Murthwaite & Donna Materoy
2. Dharma Mukerjee & Sudhir Dharma
3. Ibrahim Matrook & Mohammed Kadoura

Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game held on April 12:

N/S
1. Nabil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite
2. Jemila Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker
3. Lily Akel-Jundi & Lina Atallah

E/W
1. Randa Fiman & Ghada Sarraf
2. Suha Fozen & Irene Shoub
3. Nabil Kassin & Hala Hour

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game held on April 9:

1. Nabil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite
2. Silvia Paulsson & Chris Johns
3. Rima Ayyad & Ghofhan Mikail

Result of the Hubsara Bridge Club game played on April 11:

N/S
1. Nabil Akel & Narenda Shah
2. Dr. Oskay & Amin Shanti
3. Salmaan Ali & Sultan Ali

E/W
1. Beatrice Pereira & Audrey D'Souza
2. Dharma Mukerjee & Mohammed Merchant
3. Lutfi Alallah & Kamal Arafah

Results of the Westminster System 17 game held on April 2:

N/S
1. Randa Fiman & Ahmed Tawil
2. Adly Tiah & Dr. Reddy
3. Magdi Mendari & Adel Bayoumi

E/W
1. Jala Sapre & Narenda Shah
2. Dharma Mukerjee & Ravi Bharti
3. Sathi Shastri & Mubem Ashkar

Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on April 5:

1. Jemila Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker
2. Nabil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite
3. Margaret Maynard

Results of the Mesallah Ladies Bridge Club game played on April 3:

1. Nabil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite
2. Rima Ayyad & Ghofhan Mikail
3. Margaret Maynard & Andrea Goodridge & Margaret Rob-Whitaker

Results of the Mesallah Ladies Bridge Club game played on April 10:

1. Nabil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite
2. Margaret Maynard
3. Jemila Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker

Dexter sounds out players on South Africa

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): England cricket chief Ted Dexter is using an inaugural pre-season get-together with a potential Test squad to find out whether any of his leading players may be tempted by offers from South Africa.

Dexter, the new chairman of selectors, plans private talks after hearing Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union, say earlier this week that more rebel tours were imminent in the racially-divided republic.

Information

Asked whether he would speak directly about the republic in his message of introduction to the squad of 18 called to Lord's for a two-day session of practice and discussion, Dexter said: "no."

But he added: "Privately with individuals I shall be interested in any information that's available. At the moment, there is much hearsay but no firm detail."

The threat of players being lured to South Africa next winter is a major consideration for Dexter, team manager Micky Stewart and captain David Gower as they prepare for this summer's Ashes series against Australia.

The trio will have to decide whether to recommend that a squad of players should be offered a loyalty contract, tying them to their country's Test team for a year or possibly longer.

Dexter said: "It is being discussed very closely and we are looking at what benefits or otherwise such a scheme might have."

Haynes helps W. Indies rout India

Shastri gets Man of the Match award

BRIDGETOWN, April 14, (Reuters): Desmond Haynes completed his 12th Test century from only 115 balls as West Indies defeated India by eight wickets on the final day of the second Test on Wednesday.

West Indies, 154 for two overnight, duly scored the remaining 42 runs needed for victory in only 35 minutes. It was their eighth consecutive Test win in Bridgetown where they have beaten India in five out of six Tests.

Boundaries

Haynes, 80 overnight, reached his first 100 in the West Indies for three years after only 17 minutes' play.

He twice drove left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri square for boundaries, then swept leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani first for four then for six.

Off-spinner Arshad Ayub was deposited over square leg for Haynes' third six of the innings before Keith Arthurton, who finished unbeaten on 11, drove Sanjay Manjrekar through extra over to win the match.

Haynes' unbeaten 112 took three hours and included 12 fours.

It was his third century in his last six Tests but was not enough to win the Man of the Match award which went to Shastri for his fighting second innings 107 which followed first innings bowling figures of four for 78.

Shastri put in a brilliant performance

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 321 (S. Manjrekar 108, M. Azharuddin 61)

WEST INDIES first innings 377 (G. Greenidge 117, R. Richardson 59)

R. Shastri four for 78.

INDIA second innings 251 (R. Shastri 107, K. More 50, M. Marshall five for 60).

WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 154 for two)

G. Greenidge lbw b C. Sharma 6

D. Haynes not out 112

R. Richardson b Ayub 59

K. Arthurton not out 11

Extras (lb-s-ab-3) 1

Total (for two wickets) 196

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-142.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 8-0-42-0, C. Sharma 4-0-19-1, Ayub 14-4-26-1, Hirwani 11-0-56-4, Shastri 11-2-41-0, Manjrekar 1-0-7-0.

Meanwhile, India's spinners have their best chance of snatching a victory in the four-match series against West Indies in the third Test starting tomorrow.

The Port-of-Spain pitch is not only the slowest in the Caribbean but also the most responsive to spin.

The toss could prove crucial as the pitch is bound to be lively on the first day because of heavy pre-match watering to ensure it lasts the duration of the match.

India, whose uncertain early batting has been cruelly exposed by the Fierce West Indian pace attack, are certain to make changes for the match with opener Arun Lal the most likely to go.

Arun Lal has yet to post a half-century on tour but he is the one specialist opening bat left in the party after Krishna Srikanth was forced to return home after his forearm was broken.

If he is omitted, Wokeri Raman will play and number three Shastri promoted to opener.

Raman's inclusion for a third cap would at least mean a left-hander in the early order.

West Indies plan to announce an unchanged side from a squad of 13, which does not include pace bowler Winston Benjamin.

Benjamin was apparently so upset about his omission from the second Test that he ignored his duties as 12th man on the first day when West Indies were fielding and was seen wandering around the pavilion in street clothes. He was eventually summoned back to the dressing room on the loudspeaker.

Included

Brian Lara, a 19-year-old Trinidadian left-hander of enormous promise who scored 182 against the Indians for the under-23s in St Kitts, is included in the squad but will not play.

Captain Viv Richards said: "It will be good for him to rub shoulders with the senior players so that when a vacancy arises he'll have experienced the big-match atmosphere."

The Indians have not lost a Test match to West Indies at Port-of-Spain since 1962, winning two of the last five games there and drawing the other three.



Shastri put in a brilliant performance

Johnson mediocre athlete: Lewis

Francis' accusations slammed

NEW YORK, April 14, (Reuters): Olympic champion Carl Lewis yesterday called Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson a mediocre athlete made great by drugs and said only a small percentage of athletics competitors use banned substances.

Lewis, said accusations by Johnson's coach, Charlie Francis, that everyone in the Olympic 100 metres final in Seoul had used drugs in training were untrue.

"That is simply a cop out to justify the fact that Ben (Johnson) is a mediocre athlete who just became great with drugs," Lewis said.

Drugs

"I know the Americans that were there were clean. And I know some of the other athletes and it doesn't take much to figure out athletes that are using drugs," said Lewis, who once again said that he had never taken drugs.

"There's a very small amount of athletes on drugs that I know of, that I see, and I can tell in my sport," he said.

"We have to not let admitted drug users, convicted drug users in a sense, want what is basically a very clean sport. Most of our athletes, almost all of them, are clean."

Lewis, the Olympic long jump champion who was awarded the 100 metres gold medal after Johnson tested positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol in Seoul last September, said he would not miss showdowns with his suspended Canadian rival.

"We felt for a long time that he was on drugs so I never had much respect for him," said the American sprint star, who won four Olympic gold medals in Los Angeles in 1984.

Lewis, 27, said he had no plans to testify before the Canadian inquiry investigating drug use in sport that was prompted by the Johnson Olympic scandal.

"I really don't feel that I would have anything to say that would help," he said.

Lewis was in New York to help promote the New York Games on July 22. The world class invitational meeting will be the biggest outdoor athletics competition in New York City since the US National Championships in 1966.

Lewis, Olympic 200 metres champion Joe DeLoach and two other members of their Santa Monica Track Club plan to mount an assault on the 4 x 100 metres relay world record at the July meeting.

Lewis anchored the US team that set the 37.83-second record in Los Angeles in 1984. He missed a chance to go for the record and gold medal in Seoul when a baton pass outside the designated area by teammates during qualifying cost them a place in the final.

Fred Lebow, president of the New York Road Runners Club which will stage the New York Games, said the meeting will be "the best non-Olympic event ever held in this country, bar none."



Lewis speaks out

Stewart and Perry share lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., April 14, (Reuters): Payne Stewart and Kenny Perry were tied for the lead of the \$800,000 Heritage Golf Classic after each shot first round six-under-par 65s yesterday.

Bob Eastwood and Rocco Mediate were tied for third, two strokes off the pace, at four-under-par 67. Newly crowned Masters champion Faldo of Britain was another shot back at 68 along with John Huston.

Stewart was extremely pleased with his bogey-free round. "I don't remember the last time I did that," he said.

Perry called his eight birdie, two bogey round, "the best competitive round I've had in three years on tour."

Faldo said he was not suffering any let down after his brilliant playoff victory at the Masters last week.

"I'm delighted," Faldo said. "I putted really well today and that made a big difference."

"I told myself to just come out and play and get on with it," he said. "The sooner I get used to carrying the (Masters) title, the better."

Faldo had four birdies on the front nine for a 32 before suffering a double bogey six on the 10th hole.

His six iron approach shot landed the top of a tree and landed in the top lip of a bunker.

Stewart, who has not played here in several years, said he wanted to get a look at the course prior to a \$2.5 million tournament here in October.

"I never thought my game was suited for this course," he said of the harbour town golf links. "But I'm not as wild as I used to be. I felt comfortable today."

Lawson seeks GP win

Gardner confident

MONTREY, Calif., April 14, (Reuters): World champion Eddie Lawson, back on the track where he began his title hunt last year, hopes third time will prove lucky in Sunday's 500cc US Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Lawson, who has switched to riding a Honda from Yamaha this year, has been unlucky in the first two races of this season and has seen fellow-American Wayne Rainey and Australia's Wayne Gardner move ahead in the championship standings.

Lawson took third place in the opening race in Japan after crashing in practice and was only fifth in Phillip Island, Australia, last weekend after going off course.

The defending champion has 26 points, eight behind leader Rainey, and needs to do well in the third event of the season, at Laguna Seca Raceway where he won last year, if he is to stay in contention for the title.

Worried

"I just hope to finish. I would just like to stay on two wheels for the whole race, actually," said Lawson who also won the title in 1986 and 1984.

Yamaha rider Rainey will be more worried about keeping Gardner.

Lawson was in confident mood after winning a close race on his Honda in his homeland last Sunday.

Other strong contenders are Yamaha riders Kevin Magee of Australia and Christian Sarron of France, tied for fourth in the standings with 24 points.

Costa Smeralda, Sardinia, April 14, (AP): Lancia drivers dominated the second stage of the Costa Smeralda Rally yesterday with two Italian teams taking a 1-2 lead overall.

The favoured Finnish duo of Markku Alen and Ilkka Kivimaki was forced to withdraw following the failure of the electronic clutch that Alen was testing for the forthcoming races of the World Rally Championship.

Alen had started the second stage of the three-leg competition in runner-up place.

Two other Finnish drivers, Tom Makinen and Mikael Sundstrom, pulled out with broken engines. Makinen Drove an Italian-made Lancia Delta Integrare and Sundstrom a Mazda car.

Dario Cerrito led the race after the second stage with an advantage of 2:44 minutes over his Italian teammate Fabrizio Tabaton.

Border and Gower have point to prove in Ashes battle

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): Allan Border, often Australia's batting saviour but rarely their captaincy hero, faces a battle for the Ashes this summer with an old rival equally in need of improving his success rate as a Test skipper.

Border's opposing captain in the six-Test series that takes pride of place in the English season starting this weekend is David Gower, sacked three years ago but reappointed in the belief he can lead England from one of the most barren periods in their cricket history.

Gower, who captained England to a 3-1 series triumph over Border's Australians on their last tour in 1985, returns to the job refreshed and convinced he is more able to cope than in his previous 25-match reign that produced five Test wins.

For Border, leading Australia has been an even more taxing experience, though he has seemed reluctant to relinquish the role, perhaps aware of how much the team need him in the absence of other outstanding candidates.

Disposal

Border has won only one of the nine full Test series in which he has led Australia — a reflection of the shortage of high quality players at his disposal as much as the way the captaincy has rested uneasily on his shoulders.

At the crease, the Queensland left-hander has epitomised Australia's indomitable spirit, scoring 7,831 runs and 23 centuries in his 102 Tests. But as captain since the middle of the 1984-85 rubber against West Indies, his only series win was against New Zealand in late 1987.

Border is making his fifth England tour, which may provide a measure of compensation for his past disappointments if his team can surprise the home country while they seek to re-establish themselves as a major power in the game.

One win — against Sri Lanka — in their last 19 Tests has prompted England to reshape the way they choose their team, with the setting up of a four-man committee under dashing former Test captain Ted Dexter, the new chairman of selectors.

The recall of Gower as captain was the first move in their bid to achieve stability and continuity, and the graceful left-hander who has played in exactly 100 Tests has this time made a point of stressing that beneath his naturally easy-going personality there is a fierce will-to-win.

Gower hopes to benefit from experience, and said: "This time round I know exactly what to expect. You can always look back over the past and maybe there are a few minor things I would do differently. But I'm more concerned about getting things right in the future, and I am sure I can."

Border's attempt to upstage Gower and improve Australia's record under his leadership — seven wins in 39 Tests — may hinge on the performances of

Border wants to improve his success rate as skipper

their two most experienced pacemen, Terry Alderman and Geoff Lawson.

Alderman, making a comeback after being banned for going on a rebel tour of South Africa, has thrived as a fast-medium bowler in English conditions both for the Australians and during spells with Kent and Gloucestershire.

Lawson is easily the most successful bowler in the party with 148 wickets from 38 Tests, but poor form and injury kept him out of Australia's team for two years until he was chosen in the recent home series against West Indies.

Left-arm paceman Bruce Reid's absence from the tour party because of continuing problems with a back injury makes the form and fitness of Alderman and Lawson crucial to Border's hopes of regaining the Ashes.

The Australian captain's fortunes could also be lifted if talented all-rounder Steve Waugh bats as brilliantly as during his first season with Somerset 12 months ago. After 26 Tests, Waugh needs to play the big innings that eludes him at the top level to accelerate his development.

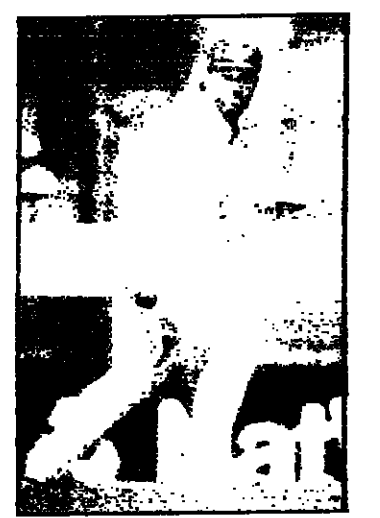
Complete

The Ashes Tests start at Headingley on June 8, by which time Ian Botham may have been able to complete a successful comeback after a major back operation early last season.

The all-rounder is keen to regain his England place — his last Test appearance was in August 1987 — and to play a full part in Worcestershire's county championship defence.

Worcestershire's title triumph owed much to the spectacular scoring feats of Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick, who continued to show his healthy appetite for runs with an immensely successful 1988-89 season for Central Districts in New Zealand.

The prospect of more glorious strokeplay from Hick, the Middlesex debut of West Indies opener Desmond Haynes, and Viv Richards' return to county cricket with Glamorgan offer an added dimension to a characteristically full programme of domestic cricket.



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Malone and Wilkins help Hawks brush aside Celtics

NEW YORK, April 14, (AP): Moses Malone scored 29 points and Dominique Wilkins 27 as the Atlanta Hawks routed the Boston Celtics 132-118 last night for their fifth consecutive victory.

The Hawks broke a third-place tie with the Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA's Central Division race for home-court advantage in the playoffs. The setback left the Celtics only 1-1/2 games in front of Washington in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Hawks led 67-38 just before halftime. Boston rallied with a strong third quarter and got within 93-83 on Robert Parish's basket at the start of the final period.

But Malone scored from inside, rebounded his missed free throw and hit another basket to make it 97-83 and the Hawks built the lead to 112-92 over the next four minutes.

Ed Pinckney paced the Celtics with 18 points and Reggie Lewis had 16.

In other games in the National Basketball Association yesterday, Indiana beat Chicago 109-105, Phoenix defeated Houston 119-111, Seattle beat Miami 116-111, the LA Clippers beat Golden State 128-126 and Sacramento beat Denver 121-112.

Suns 119, Rockets 111

Tom Chambers scored 15 of his 27 points in the third quarter and helped hold off a fourth-quarter Houston rally. The victory was the Sun's sixth in a row and left them 1-1/2 games behind the first-place Los Angeles Lakers in the Pacific Division.

Otis Thorpe scored 34 points for Houston and Akem Olatunwo had 33 points and 16 rebounds but they couldn't overcome the balanced scoring of the Suns, who had five players in double figures.

Pacers 109, Bulls 105

Lasalle Thompson made a three-point play with four seconds left for the winning points as Indiana handed Chicago its fourth straight loss. Michael Jordan recorded his 13th triple-double of the season with 47 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds but the Bulls are only 7-8 when he scores 40 or more.

Reggie Miller led six Pacers in double figures with 25 points and Thompson added 22 points and 15 rebounds. John Paxson gave the Bulls their last lead when his 20-footer made it 105-104 with 17 seconds left.

Thompson then hit from in close and was fouled by Jordan, giving the Pacers a 107-105 lead. Chicago's Scottie Pippen inbounded but Indiana's Detlef Schrempf stole it, was fouled by Jordan and made two free throws for the final points.

Supersonics 116, Heat 111

Xavier McDaniel, starting his fourth consecutive game in a major lineup change for Seattle, scored 35 points to help the Supersonics snap a four-game home losing streak.

McDaniel, who came off the bench as the Sonics' sixth man in the first 72 games, scored 14 points and Dale Ellis had 13 of his 24 points in the third quarter as Seattle went from a 64-62 half-time lead to a 95-84 advantage. McDaniel made 13 of 18 shots, including his last eight.

Kings 121, Nuggets 112

Ricky Berry led Sacramento with 25 points and Danny Ainge scored 12 of his 24 in the final period. Wayne Tisdale added 19, Kenny Smith 15 and Jim Petersen 15. Alex English paced Denver with 31.

It was the 24th victory of the season for Sacramento, which was 24-58 last season. Denver has lost five consecutive road games and is 8-30 away from home.

Clippers 128, Warriors 126

Rookie guard Gary Grant scored six of his career-high 31 points in overtime. Ken Norman added 28 points, including a game-tying 15-foot jumper with eight seconds left in regulation that made it 118-118, and rookie Charles Smith scored 20. Chris Mullin led Golden State with a career-high 47 points and Mitch Richmond added 24.

Grant hit two long-range jumpers to put the Clippers ahead 123-122 with 2:22 left in overtime. Richmond's jumper 15 seconds later gave the Warriors a 124-123 lead but Norman made one of two free throws to tie the score and Benoit Benjamin's rebound basket put the Clippers ahead 126-124 with 56 seconds left.

Clemens blasts Indians to cross 1,000-strikeout mark

NEW YORK, April 14, (AP): Roger Clemens allowed just three hits in seven innings, and his eight strikeouts put him over the 1,000-strikeout plateau as he won his first decision of the season in Boston's 9-1 victory over Cleveland yesterday.

Booted when he was introduced at Fenway Park on opening day for disparaging remarks about the Boston fans, Clemens received a standing ovation when he struck out Brook Jacoby with the bases loaded in the second for his 1,000th strikeout.

Staked to a 5-0 lead, Clemens breezed before giving way to reliever Mike Smithson with Red Sox ahead 9-1 at the end of the seventh.

Wade Boggs had three hits and three RBI, while Marty Barrett had three doubles and Dwight Evans homered in a 15-hit attack against four Indians pitchers.

The eight strikeouts gave Clemens 1,005 for his career, fourth on Boston's all-time list behind Cy Young (1,341), Luis Tiant (1,075) and Bruce Hurst (1,043).

Athletics 5, Angels 0

Jim Abbott improved on his shaky Major League debut, but Mike Moore allowed no runs and three hits in eight innings as Oakland beat California.

Abbott, who made his pro debut with a 4-2-3 innings stint in a 7-0 loss to Seattle last Saturday night, pitched six innings against Oakland.

Again getting no hitting support, Abbott allowed four runs, two unearned, and nine hits. He walked two and struck out four.

Moore, 1-1, walked one and struck out seven before he was relieved by Dennis Eckersley at the start of the ninth inning.

Dave Henderson gave the A's a 1-0 lead with a two-out, Homer in the first inning.

Tigers 3, Twins 0

Jeff Robinson pitched a four-hitter, and an error by shortstop Greg Gagne allowed two Detroit runs as the Tigers beat Minnesota, snapping a 12-game losing streak against the twins.

Robinson, 1-0, whose 1988 season was cut short with a 13-6 record because of circulation problems in his right hand. Struck out seven and walked four. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the first inning by striking out Gary Gaetti and Randy Bush.

Lou Whitaker homered in the seventh inning for Detroit's other run.

Rangers 6, Brewers 1

Julio Franco drove in four runs for the second straight game and Bobby Witt scattered seven hits over eight innings as Texas beat Milwaukee for its fifth straight victory and seventh in eight games this season.

Witt, 1-0, struck out eight and walked two as the Brewers continued to struggle at the plate.

Results			
American League			
Boston	9	Cleveland	1
Detroit	3	Minnesota	0
Oakland	5	California	0
Texas	6	Milwaukee	1
National League			
Pittsburgh	4	New York Mets	2
Houston	4	L.A. Dodgers	1
Atlanta	4	San Diego	1

Graf and Navratilova win

Top seeds reach quarterfinals



Graf brushed aside her Italian opponent

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla., April 14, (Reuters): Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova and Gabriela Sabatini, the top three women in the world, reached the quarterfinals of a \$300,000 tennis tournament with straight set wins yesterday.

Graf, the West German world number one, used her rocket forehand and much-improved serve to overpower Italy's Laura Lapi 6-1 6-0 in just 42 minutes.

"I tried to go for the big shots right from the beginning," said Graf after posting her 29th consecutive victory.

"You win one and love and you know it was a ride, but it helps you feel confident for your next match against better competition," said Graf, whose quarterfinal opponent will be eighth-seeded Australian Hana Mandlikova.

Navratilova, the defending champion, had an equally smooth ride into the quarters with a 6-1 6-1 victory over Linda Ferrando of Italy in under an hour.

Navratilova will next face Kathy Rinaldi, who posted her second upset in as many nights.

Rinaldi, who on Wednesday ousted fifth-seeded fellow American Lori McNeil, eliminated 14th-seeded Soviet Lilia Meskhi 3-6 6-2 6-3.

Sabatini struggled a bit with her serve and concentration before beating Jana Pospisilova of Czechoslovakia 6-3 6-3.

The third-seeded Argentine, last year's losing finalist, meets Angeliki Kanellopoulou of Greece in the next round.

In other third round action, sixth seed Arantxa Sanchez crushed American Ann Grossman 6-0 6-1.

"I like to play on clay. That's what I play on at home in Spain," said the 18th-ranked Sanchez.

Sanchez' quarterfinal opponent will be 11th-seeded Austrian Judith Wiesner, who defeated Czechoslovak qualifier Regina Rajchrtova 4-6 6-3 6-0.

Rajchrtova upset fourth-seeded Soviet Natalia Zvereva in the second round, but her luck ran out after the first set yesterday when the more experienced Wiesner took control of the match.

Forest seek another Wembley date

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): Only one team stands between Nottingham Forest and a third Wembley Cup final this season — Liverpool.

Hardly a small consideration, but Forest could hardly be in better heart as they contemplate tomorrow's FA Cup final with the League champions and leaders.

Sunday's 3-1 success over Luton in the League Cup final at Wembley was followed by a 3-0 victory against struggling Southampton in the League on Wednesday. Last week they beat third-placed Norwich 2-0.

Goals are flowing, confidence is high and against any other side Forest would be hot favourites. But Liverpool, with nine successive League wins behind them, are playing better than ever.

A mighty clash is in prospect on the neutral territory of Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough Ground.

Forest manager Brian Clough will have his own special accommodation behind the teams' dug-out in an area normally reserved for stewards and ground staff. Clough is banned from the touchline until the end of the season for throwing punches at fans in an infamous incident at Forest's ground in January.

With one Wembley



Rush: to play

appearance just gone, another due in the less glamorous Simod Cup, a third final for Forest would go a long way to making up for missing out on the League title.

Liverpool have named striker Ian Rush and long-term casualty

Alan Hansen in their squad for the tie, but central defender Gary Gillespie, one of the club's outstanding players this season, is not expected to play because of a groin strain.

Rush had a cartilage operation a month ago and club captain Hansen has not played in the first team this season after injuring his knee in a pre-season friendly.

An all-Liverpool final cannot be ruled out, however, with Everton a reasonable bet to beat Norwich in the other semifinal on Aston Villa's ground.

Norwich winger Dale Gordon is as surprised as anyone that his unfashionable side has done so well this season.

"Norwich were never the sort of club who could challenge the likes of Liverpool and Arsenal," he said. "It was just never thought of."

Appearance

At 22, he is not old enough to remember the club's only other Football Association Cup semifinal appearance. That was in 1959 when, as a Third Division Club, Norwich lost to Luton.

Old friends Trevor Steven and Mike Phelan are fighting to be fit to face each other.

Everton's Steven and Norwich's Phelan were part of the Burnley side which reached the semifinals of the League Cup in 1983 after some tremendous giant-killing performances.

MCC keeps doors closed to women

LONDON, April 14, (Reuters): Cricket's most famous club, MCC, is to remain an all-male preserve, its members have decided in a poll.

Seventy per cent of the 4,000 members who replied to a questionnaire from the men-only Marylebone Cricket Club, which administers Lord's, voted against a suggestion to allow membership for women.

Watch

Sixty per cent said no to a proposal to allow women to watch play from the pavilion at Lord's as guests, the club said today.

The 202-year-old MCC, noting that England's women's team had played at Lord's twice in recent years, had sent its 18,000 members a questionnaire asking whether the rules should be changed.

Turkey triumph

EAST BERLIN, April 14, (Reuters): Turkey established themselves as strong contenders for a place in the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy when they beat East Germany 2-0 in Magdeburg on Wednesday.

Mansell has frustrating day of testing at Imola



Mansell takes a rest during the testing.

IMOLA, Italy, April 14, (Reuters): Briton Nigel Mansell suffered a frustrating first day of testing for next week's San Marino Formula One Grand Prix when he took his Ferrari around Imola yesterday.

Mansell, who marked his Ferrari debut with victory in last month's season-opening Brazilian Grand Prix, had a best lap of one minute 32.198 seconds, well down on the unofficial record for a normally-aspirated car set by world drivers' champion Ayrton Senna.

Testing was held up by morning rain and former Williams driver Mansell sped off the track on a bend in the afternoon, though without damage.

Ferrari racing division manager Cesare Fiorio said he was satisfied with work on the car's gearbox but not with the

weather. "There's not much you can do on a day like this. Let's hope for a better weather tomorrow," he said.

Mansell is scheduled for only two days of tests at Imola, where the Grand Prix is on April 23, and his Austrian team-mate Gerhard Berger finished his session on Wednesday.

Mansell's best lap time was the 11th fastest of drivers testing at the track. The McLarens of Brazilian Senna and Frenchman Alain Prost, who both finished testing on Wednesday, have the fastest times.

Senna's unofficial lap record is 1:25.33 and Prost clocked 1:25.614. Only one other driver has gone below 1:30 in an atmospheric car at Imola, Belgian Thierry Boutsen, who timed 1:29.845 in his Renault-powered Williams.

Ljubojevic takes lead

Kasparov triumphs again

BARCELONA, Spain, April 14, (Reuters): Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic won his 12th round match against Yasser Seirawan of the United States in the World Chess Cup yesterday, moving ahead of Britain's Nigel Short.

Short, who had shared the lead with Ljubojevic, fell back when he drew against Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland.

World champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union celebrated his 26th birthday with a win over compatriot Valery Salov, giving him 4-1/2 points from his last five matches.

Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union) Arthur Yusupov (Soviet Union) adjourned against Jonathan Speelman (Britain) with Yusupov in a better position. Robert Huebner (West Germany) defeated Johan Hjartarson (Iceland). Jesus Nogueiras (Cuba) did not play.

Standings after 12 rounds:

1. Ljubojevic — 8-1/2 points, one game more played
2. Short — eight points, one game more

Other 12th round results: Boris Spassky (France) drew against Prebrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia). Miguel Ilegas (Spain) beat Rafael Vaganian (Soviet Union). Zoltan Ribli (Hungary) beat

Boxing great Sugar Ray Robinson dies at 67

Alzheimer's disease stole former champion's memories

LOS ANGELES, April 14, (Reuters): Former world middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died on Wednesday after being rushed to hospital, hospital officials said. He was 67.

He was pronounced dead at Brotman Medical Centre in Los Angeles.

Robinson, considered by many experts to have been one of the best boxers of all time, won 174 of his 201 fights during a career spanning 25 years. He retired from the ring in 1963.

He held both the world welterweight and middleweight titles. But his life in the ring took its toll in later years.

Emergency

Hospital spokeswoman Judy Davis said Robinson was rushed into the emergency room at 9:55 am local time but died less than 15 minutes later. His wife was by his side.

Boxing promoter Bob Arum said the fighter "in the last few years has not been in the best of health. His demise was predictable."

"But that doesn't take anything away from the fact that... everybody in boxing is stunned because his contributions to the sport were so great. He was without the question the greatest fighter ever in the history of boxing."

Robinson, who gave boxing fans sweet memories of a style and grace never before



Robinson (left) holds the punch bag for Johnny Fanechon at a gym in London in 1969. (Reuters filephoto)

seen in the ring, spent his last days confined to an armchair at home, unable to remember his fighters.

"He would occasionally say a name. But

that was about it," a close friend, John David Duncan said. "He could no longer remember the past."

The former boxing champion was nick-

named Sugar because he turned boxing into a sweet science.

Alzheimer's disease had stolen Robinson's memories. He had diabetes and suffered from hypertension.

The smile had become vacant.

"Until about a year ago he could get on his feet and walk alone in his modest home," Duncan, a member of the board of directors of the Sugar Ray Robinson Youth Foundation, said.

But the man considered by many experts to be pound for pound the world's greatest boxer finally took to his bed and his chair.

"Friends came and he would sit there," Duncan said. "Only a couple of days before he died, an old friend Archie Moore, former world light heavyweight champion, called 'Round'."

"Sugar Ray did not say anything. There was no discussion. But he always had a great smile," Duncan said.

Spent

The man who had travelled through Europe with a retinue of hairdressers, valets and secretaries, and even his own golf professional, spent his last years living with his wife Millie in a modest lime green home in a Los Angeles suburb.

"He wasn't living in poverty. He wasn't what you would consider broke," Duncan said.



'High-flying' matador

Spanish bullfighter 'Joselito' is tossed up and over by a bull in Seville's 'Maestranza' bullring on Thursday. Joselito was not hurt in the incident which marked the 7th day of bullfighting at the fair in Seville, Spain. (Reuters wirephoto)

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